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Inos mulls request for more time

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that he acknowledges the need to extend for "at least" 60 days the Nov. 27 deadline for nonresidents—especially those who just recently lost their jobs—to prepare themselves and their family to exit the CNMI or for last-ditch efforts to find a job.

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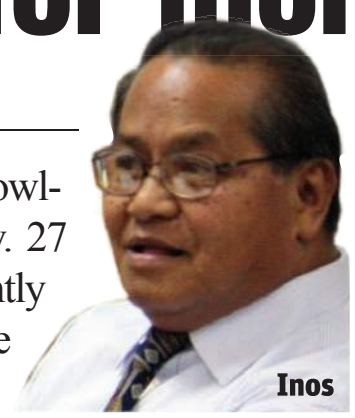
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Former Honolulu mayor Mufi Hannemann, center, president of the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association, answers questions from the audience while Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, left, and Management Analysis Inc.'s Lynn Knight, right, look on at the MVA general membership meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday. Tourism industry partners, lawmakers, acting governor Eloy S. Inos, and other guests were also in attendance.

New NMI tourism master plan by early 2012

»Over 2,000 tourists surveyed to date

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After months of rigorous work, the new CNMI Tourism Master Plan is nearing completion and is expected to be out by early 2012, according to Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce.

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She said the plan is based on extensive research in the destination and target markets and will provide a roadmap for marketing and promotions, destination enhancement, and other tourism actions in the next five years.

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'Don't base tourism decisions on fears'

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The former mayor of Honolulu shared yesterday with the CNMI the success story of Hawaii's tourism industry, which he said would not have been realized if not for the implementation of some unpopular policies.

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‘Introduce new casino bill now or wait for NMC survey’

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Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) is weighing his options whether to introduce now a new House bill seeking to legalize casino gaming on Saipan or wait for the results of a Nov. 4 Northern Marianas College students’ survey of Saipan voters on the casino matter.

“I want this bill to work for the CNMI’s economic recovery. But at the same time, I don’t want it to be dead on arrival at the Senate so I want to work with them on this for the sake of economic recovery. Without a new industry, government finances will continue to decrease,” Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at his office yesterday.

Just like other pro-casino lawmakers, Demapan believes that a multi-million Saipan casino industry will save the NMI Retirement Fund and help restore 80 biweekly work hours among government employees, among other things.

Demapan said he will merge the Saipan casino bills of Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan).

Tenorio’s House bill was killed by the Senate last year. Senators said the decision should rest with Saipan voters. Torres’ local casino bill was vetoed by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Thursday. The governor said a local bill to legalize casino gaming is unconstitutional.

Demapan said he would like to know, for example, whether those who will participate in the NMC survey favor casino gaming on Saipan or not.

Whether most of the survey participants say “yes” or “no” to Saipan casino gaming, Demapan said he would also like to know how many actually participated in the survey and whether that number represents the entire Saipan voting population.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), chairman of the Senate Committee on Resources and Economic Development Program, said yesterday that the Nov. 4 survey will gauge the view of Saipan voters on casinos.

“Do people care for it?” he said, referring to the actual number of survey participants as well as their responses.

He said the Senate is not totally opposed to legalizing casino gaming on Saipan; all it wants is to give Saipan voters a chance to be heard. “That’s why we support NMC’s survey, which will be done in a professional manner,” he said.

NMC students under the Current Issues class of Sam McPhetres will be conducting the Nov. 4 survey.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, said that Demapan’s decision to consider waiting for the results of the NMC students’ casino survey is wise.

“In my opinion, if he wants the Senate to at least consider his bill, he should wait for the survey results. But Demapan can do whatever he wants with his bill. …I am keeping an open mind,” he said.

Admin to review food stamp analysis

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Instead of conducting its own analysis, the Fitial administration will take a look at an analysis conducted by former Finance secretary Robert Schrack of RAS Consulting on the cost-benefit of including the CNMI in the national food stamp program, acting governor Eloy S. Inos said.

The analysis, commissioned by Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP), said that the inclusion in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, would increase food stamp benefits to the CNMI by $12 million to $24 million.

“We’ll try to look at the cost-benefit analysis and if apparently it shows positive [benefits]… then we should really sit down and pursue it,” Inos said in an interview at the Marianas Visitors Authority’s general membership meeting at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday.

Among the things he wants to know are the eligibility requirements, the number of people who may be kicked out of the program because of ineligibility, and the amount of benefits.

The administration, through the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, had been opposed the CNMI’s inclusion in the national food stamp program.

But Inos said this could be mainly as a result of a lack of a cost-benefit analysis. He said now that a study has been conducted, the administration will have to look at it.

Under the SNAP, the CNMI is required to share one-half of the administrative costs, which are currently entirely paid with federal grant funds.

The current administrative cost is $1.3 million. This means if the CNMI is included in SNAP, it has to shoulder $650,000 of the administrative costs.

But RAS Consulting said the $650,000 would be more than covered by additional tax revenue of $2.148 million to $5.04 million generated by the increased food sales and other economic activity resulting from inclusion in SNAP.

Inos said if this is the case, then the more that the administration would have to look at the study.

RAS Consulting also said that the inclusion in SNAP would also result in a total economic impact of $21.48 million to $42.96 million annually using the SNAP multiplier.

The current food stamp assistance block grant that the CNMI negotiates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture each year provides less than half the average benefit that those in need receive in Guam, which is included in SNAP.

To illustrate: An average monthly food stamp benefit for a family of four in the CNMI is $302 a month. In Guam, a family of four receives an average of $985 a month in food stamps. Nationally, the average monthly benefit for a family of four is $668.

Five allegedly beat up female store cashier, two other men

A female cashier was seriously hurt when five allegedly drunk persons, including three women, beat her up and two other men at a store in Chalan Kanoa Saturday morning.

The victim was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment of a broken nose, cheek fracture, and a swelling bruise on her head, police said.

The suspects—Cheroleen Ray, 20; Arinna Reiong, 26; Nornia Tipingeni, 22; Anson Sansi, 24; and Mark Rudolph, 25—were hauled to the Superior Court yesterday to face charges of aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at $50,000 cash for each suspect expect for Rudolph, whose bail was set at $2,000 cash as he was arrested only for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and attempted theft.

According to police reports, Ray, together with the two other female suspects and Sansi, beat up the female cashier of the Dhaka Store along Texas Road early Saturday morning.

A male victim went inside to stop the group, but Rudolph prevented him from going in. Ray also punched the male victim. Rudolph also allegedly tried to open the cash register.

Sansi also allegedly beat up a male customer who tried to stop the female suspects from assaulting the cashier.

Police officer Juan Mendiola, who responded to the scene was forced to spray pepper mace on Ray after she assaulted one of the male victims.

Mendiola found the cashier lying in a pool of blood on the floor. An ambulance transported her to CHC. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Aging Office seeks exemption from austerity measures

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Aging director Rose Mondala has asked the governor to fully exempt the Office on Aging from austerity measures that will be implemented this fiscal year 2012, including the closure of government agencies every Friday.

Mondala, in an interview yesterday, confirmed that her request was hand-delivered to the Office of the Governor by program coordinator Walter Manglona and members of the Saipan Seniors Advisory Council on Oct. 6.

In a directive he issued on Sept. 30, 2011, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said that the government will continue to observe 16 austerity hours per pay period to adhere to the $102-million spending level budgeted for each department/agency by Public Law 17-55.

Mondala

Because of the directive, all government departments and agencies, including Office on Aging, were closed on Oct. 7, the first austerity Friday for fiscal year 2012.

Mondala argues that the Office on Aging should be exempted from the Friday closure since their operation is funded by federal grants.

"We should be exempted because our federal grant mandates it," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides Mondala's letter, a letter signed by council chair Teresita Sorroza and endorsed by 48 Aging Center congregates was also submitted to Fitial, who left for the Philippines on Thursday due to an "urgent family matter."

Mondala said that almost all of their programs, including the salaries of 17 of their 24 employees, are federally funded.

The director disclosed that she had expected the Office on Aging to be exempted from the austerity measures also because of their recently approved state plan, which she said indicates a five-day operation per week.

"We have to follow the state plan. That's our word to the feds and that's how we get the money. During the days when we don't come to work, we have to explain to the feds why it happened," she explained.

If the Office on Aging still shut down on Friday, Mondala said she will have to report the incident to the Administration on Aging under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"I don't want them to stop the grant. But it's better for me to tell the truth now before the AoA finds out that we're closed on Friday," she said.

As of yesterday, Mondala said that they have yet to receive a response from the Office of the Governor regarding the matter.

"Now we have to wait and pray. That's all we can do," she said.

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Surveillance camera captures beer robber in act

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A surveillance camera caught on video a man running away with a case of beer in a daylight robbery at a store in Susupe on Sunday.

The suspect was with two other men who served as a lookout and driver of their getaway vehicle—a red Toyota pickup truck with license plate AAW-568.

A source said the alleged lookout was a certain Francisco, also known as Koko.

The footage of the surveillance camera also showed Sheng Hua Lu, 46, manager of Family Market, trying to chase the suspects outside the store.

Lu told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the incident happened on Sunday at 12:08pm when one of the suspects, described as male about 5'6" to 5'7" tall and wearing a baseball hat, ran off with a case of beer.

The camera's footage showed the red pickup truck parked in front of Family Market along Texas Road corner Tupak Street.

The suspect, wearing the baseball hat, entered the laundry shop located beside Family Market, then proceeded to the store.

Later, the suspect came out of the store and appeared to signal his companions. He then went back to the store, took a case of beer, and put in on the table of the cashier.

The suspect tried to disrupt the attention of Lu, who was then standing near the cashier's booth, by asking him to check some items. When Lu left the cashier's booth, the suspect grabbed the case of beer and ran off.

The female cashier was surprised and told Lu about the incident. Lu tried to chase the suspects, whose truck sped off in the direction of Mt. Carmel Church.

Lu then called the police.

Lu said he had just installed the surveillance camera on Saturday.

It was the third time that the store was reportedly robbed of a case of beer in the past few years. No arrest was made in the three incidents.

ERRATUM

The photograph published yesterday captioned as "Trash Warriors" incorrectly identified the group as the Manta Ray Band. In fact, it was the Manta Ray Battalion. Our apologies.

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Inos said this is for "humanitarian consideration."

He said he and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who was expected to arrive yesterday, will have to discuss this matter before a letter, for example, could be sent to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Fitial and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) had said they would ask the U.S. Labor secretary to extend the transitional worker period ending in 2014.

"Actually I don't see that the governor will really oppose that idea [at least 60-day extension]. He's all for the welfare of these folks as well. He and I both know that the whole situation is not their choice. So we just need to be fair-minded about this thing, and give these folks time to make the right decision and plan for relocation of their families if in fact they cannot qualify to remain here. Doing the right thing is never a bad thing," Inos said in an interview at the Marianas Visitors Authority's general membership meeting at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday.

Because of the economic downturn, many foreign workers recently lost their jobs, this close to the Nov. 27 deadline for employers to petition foreign employees for a CW or Commonwealth-only worker status.

Without a CW petition filed on their behalf by Nov. 27, foreign workers will lose their status and could face deportation.

Inos said he thinks that "at least 60 days" from Nov. 27 or up to Jan. 27 is "adequate" for those who just lost their jobs after many years in the CNMI "to be able to find job or to clear their affairs."

Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig, in a separate interview yesterday, said a request for a 60-day extension is a "most welcome" move.

Macaraig said that nonresidents from the Philippines should consider this request, if and when granted, as an opportunity to prepare themselves and their families for their departure from the CNMI and not to have "false expectation."

He said "sometimes having false hope is much worse than starting to prepare" for the inevitable.

Most foreign workers in the CNMI are from the Philippines.

Macaraig said the acting governor's statement is a "positive sign that they're also involved in the welfare" of nonresidents.

Nonresidents with U.S. citizen children, for example, would have to prepare their children who would be left behind and taken cared of by relatives and friends, or exit the CNMI with them.

Inos said he's concerned "that at the 11th hour, we're still scrambling," and "we're talking about potential displacement of folks who're basically caught at the last minute and haven't had the sufficient time to really think about how they're going to move forward with this thing."

He added that whatever the case may be, he thinks the "most appropriate route would be to allow additional time" so that these individuals can prepare.

The final worker regulations were released on Sept. 7.

Rene Reyes, president of Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, said yesterday that Inos' idea of asking for an extension of the Nov. 27 deadline is welcome news. He hopes the request to DHS should be made "very soon" because it's nearing the Nov. 27 deadline.

"I think it's enough time for people to prepare for their eventual exit," he said.

Reyes said that families—especially those that will be separated—would want to spend Christmas and New Year together so an extension of the Nov. 27 deadline would be much welcome.

With Inos considering a request with DHS, Reyes hopes that the Fitial administration would take the step further by requesting President Barack Obama to use his administrative power to grant parole-in-place to nonresidents who have legally worked in the CNMI for at least five years to enable them to stay in the CNMI until Congress acts on the U.S. Interior Department's recommendations to grant improved immigration status to long-term foreign workers.

This is similar to what United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed is asking the Obama administration. Syed is currently in Washington, D.C.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), for his part, said he is concerned about families that could be separated if and when the nonresident parents of U.S. citizen children are unable to find jobs by Nov. 27, and this is one of the reasons why he supported Sablan's H.R. 1466, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI.

Tebuteb said what Inos is proposing is "fair enough" to give some nonresidents additional time to prepare.

But just like the others interviewed yesterday, he said this request should be made at the soonest possible time.

USCIS grants parole or parole in place only to certain groups of people, and on a case-by-case basis.

USCIS district director David Gulick, in a recent news briefing, said USCIS cannot change the rules or laws for those who will be out of status after Nov. 27. These include those who don't have employers and are not eligible for H1B or other INA visas.

Gulick was responding to questions about the fate of nonresidents who won't be able to find a new employer by Nov. 27. "We expect them just like any other person who doesn't have a job here, is not a citizen, to leave," Gulick told reporters.

Reynaldo Perez, a concerned nonresident, said if and when Inos' proposal comes to fruition, it would be a big help to many nonresidents who now have additional time to prepare themselves and their family.

For example, families would still be able to spend Christmas and New Year together.

"But on the other hand, why is the CNMI government doing this only now? And I hope this is not political posturing," Perez added.

Meanwhile, Macaraig said yesterday that the Philippine Consulate General has been helping Filipinos who want to go back home, although there's only a few of such repatriation requests.

He said 14 Filipinos made formal requests to be repatriated, and four of them have already been sent home while two are expected to leave in a few weeks.

Macaraig said the repatriation request rate may change right before or after Nov. 27.

"If we receive a lot of requests, we will have to prioritize. For example, we will send home first those with illnesses or the elderly," Macaraig added.

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sultant Lynn Knight, the master plan for 2012 to 2016 is designed to connect with the last five-year strategic tourism plan initiated by the government and MVA in 2006.

Knight concedes that the first master plan did not achieve its goal of reaching a million tourist but said it still did a lot of great things for the industry, especially in mobilizing people. She said the same plan also brought the momentum back after Japan Airlines pulled out in 2005.

She disclosed that MAI is now on the third phase of the project and has already surveyed over 2,000 tourists.

Knight described the new master plan as a long-term project that will guide the CNMI in developing and improving the tourism industry, the sole economic driver of the islands.

The tourism plan for 2012-2016, a project by MVA with MAI as its international consulting team—is funded by the U.S. Department of Interior. It aims to bring to the table "realistic, measurable, and achievable" action plans for the tourism industry.

Incorporated in the new plan are research and tourism data from other states and territories, Knight said, including funding mechanisms that can be adopted or can guide the CNMI in its next steps.

An initial review of some survey data showed some "alarming" observations by tourists, Knight said. Among these are the abandoned buildings and derelict places, unlighted roads, and the unclean Paseo de Marianas in Garapan.

Other concerns include the lack of establishments that truly offer local foods and delicacies, cultural shows, and other unique activities. Tourists, she said, also want new activities when they come back.

Saipan Tribune learned that MVA last surveyed Japanese tourists in 2005 and Korean tourists in 2003. In the new survey, five key markets are included. The new survey targets 2,300 respondents.

According to Knight, the CNMI also needs to modify its brand identity such as logos and taglines. MVA, she said, is working on adopting these changes in the new plan.

"A branding team has been working to identify recommendations to re-brand the destination to assist MVA. The team has developed numerous sets of logo designs that have been reviewed by MVA. The team has come up with a list of potential taglines and the identity package will be launched by MVA," Knight said.

DON'T

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monwealth's leaders should take risks and not base their tourism decisions on fear if they want the CNMI to experience the same results as Hawaii.

"You cannot base tourism decisions on fear. If you do that, you will never do what is right. Like what I did for our sewage system, you have to make unpopular decisions in anticipation of a problem," he told government officials and tourism officers and partners during the biannual meeting yesterday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

Hannemann said a major decision he made during his first year in office was to address the municipality's sewage problem, which was projected to overflow if not immediately worked on. "It was a scary decision but proved to be a right decision."

Like Honolulu, the CNMI government must also "stand up" for the industry, he said. In raising government taxes, careful assessment has to be made to balance the action and that government "priorities" should also be clear in all angles, he added.

Hannemann said that fiscal years 2007 to 2009 were "struggling years" for his municipality. It was only in fiscal year 2010 when Honolulu began seeing visitor arrivals swing the other way and the trend has continued since then.

He considers it a turning point when the Federal Bureau of Investigation rated Honolulu as a safe destination. He pointed out, for example, the importance of having firefighters who are internationally accredited. Increased police visibility in almost areas frequented by tourists is also a major boost. Having a safe environment for tourists, he said, will open great opportunities for any place.

In 2007, Hawaii had 7.9 million visitors; in 2008, 6.7 million; and in 2009 and 2010, 6.4 million. This fiscal year 2011, he said they hope to hit 7 million arrivals and is optimistic that they will meet this target. Honolulu expects to host the next Asia Pacific Economic Conference where national leaders are expected to participate.

Hannemann identified four components that any government has to put in place to achieve its tourism goals: public safety, infrastructure, planning and zoning, and adequate funding for promotions. Of these elements, he said that only planning and zoning are in place in the Commonwealth and these need to have "teeth."

Hannemann said that they always remind lawmakers of the impact whenever the state government attempts to cut monies for marketing Hawaii.

He said the visitor industry generates $1.3 billion a year in tax revenues for the state, which represents 45 percent of state's annual general fund appropriation for education and the University of Hawaii.

Hawaii hotels pay $226 million a year in transient accommodation taxes that are not paid by other industries, he added.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, who was among the guests in yesterday's meeting, said he welcomes Hannemann recommendations.

"We should take the lead on those recommendations. Obviously, the former mayor had some similar experiences in the industry during its ups and downs and he was able to come up with some solutions and recommendations. We welcome those recommendations and we will pick the ones that will work here," he said.

Inos was scheduled to meet yesterday afternoon with lawmakers to discuss the amendments that need to be made on a bill that proposes a $15 fee from non-U.S tourists for tourism promotion.

"It looks like we're all looking forward toward the early implementation of this legislation to provide help for marketing and promotions."

MVA board chair: NMI tourism industry is 24/7

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The Commonwealth tourism industry is not only everyone's business, but is a whole-day, whole-year service as well, according to Marian Aldan-Pierce, chairperson of the Marianas Visitors Authority board yesterday.

Speaking to travel partners, lawmakers, and business groups that attended yesterday's MVA bi-annual general membership meeting at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall, Aldan-Pierce said that the CNMI needs to rethink the way it operates around the concept of 24/7 tourism.

"We are a resort destination, open 24/7, 365 days a year. We should look at the way some of our government agencies are scheduled to work," she said.

Just because government funding is limited doesn't' mean that tourism development has to stop. The involvement of all partners, community members, and government agencies will make a difference, she said.

MVA was appropriated a budget of only $6 million this fiscal year, 70 percent of which will go toward promoting the destination. This is a 7-percent decline from last fiscal year's budget, which also had the agency operating under "baseline mode."

Baseline mode refers to doing just the basic marketing promotions for the Commonwealth such as maintaining representative offices, websites, and proven successful promotions such as the Happy Children in Paradise Campaign.

The limited funding also resulted in the suspension of ad-hoc committees that bring great ideas and strategies for better promotions.

This fiscal year, Aldan-Pierce said that MVA will continue what it has been doing in the past: partnering with private and public sectors to continue the services that are being hampered by the lack of fund.

She disclosed that hotels, for example, have been spending more than MVA in enticing tourists to come and return to the islands.

MVA, according to Aldan-Pierce, faces a greater challenge this fiscal year but she remains optimistic that with the right collaboration among parties, the industry would soon recover from its declining situation.

Aldan-Pierce urged community members to also put in their share to keep their "home" a healthy place, not only for tourists but for their families as well.

She said the maintenance of tourist sites will continue to be a big challenge because the Division of Parks and Recreation was only allocated $8,000 to do its job, which includes maintaining tourist spots. In fiscal year 2010, the division was allocated $98,000; that went down to $65,000 last fiscal year.

"We are cognizant that our industry does not exist in a vacuum. We need not only do site maintenance but also public safety, health services, education, and utilities," she said.

Because tourism is a 24/7 service, Aldan-Pierce recommends that "we should look at the way some of our government agencies are scheduled to work. We should have our prisoners come out and maintain the medians and major thoroughfares or have contractors clean the streets late at night or early in the morning."

The community and other sectors, she said, can put in their share by adopting not only pavilions and beaches but pathways as well.

She urged the keeping of lights on in sites frequented by tourists. This way, she said, copper-wire stealing may also be averted.

Another continuing challenge, she said, is that the destination "simply looks tired and unkempt." Both public and private sectors lack sufficient funding for basic needs such as renovating hotels and maintaining visitor sites.

She also believes that the community has not fully embraced the tourism industry as the islands' sole economic driver.

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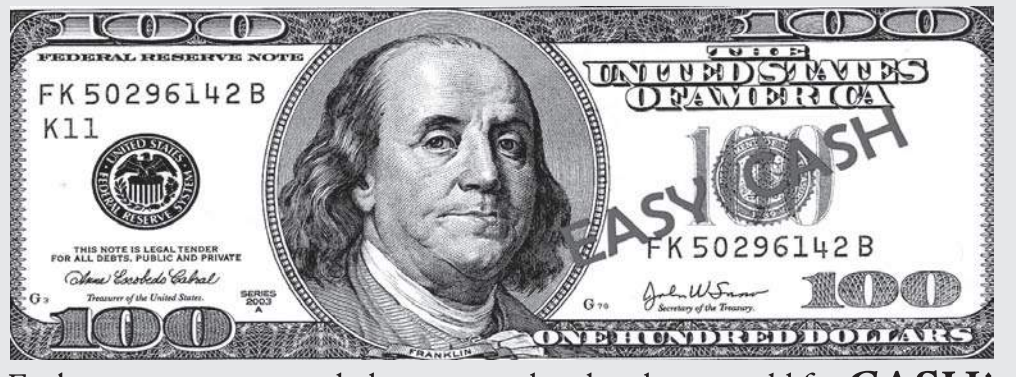

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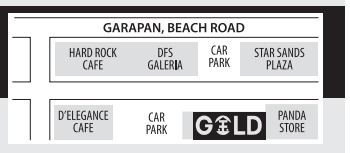

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CHILD CARE PROGRAM
OPENS FOR NEW APPLICANTS

To: All parents and/or Legal Guardians:

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care Program will be doing pre-eligibility assessments for new applicants. The program will open to a maximum of 150 children or slots only. For this opening, only parents who are attending school or training will be accommodated. Once all slots have been taken, pre-eligibility assessments will cease and applications will no longer be provided.

Pre-eligibility assessments will be done at the following locations, date, and time.

Location	Date	Time
NMC Campus, Saipan	Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011	9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
Multi-Purpose, Saipan	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011	6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.
DCCA Tinian Office	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011	1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
DCCA Rota Office/Round House	Friday, Oct. 21, 2011	1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Parents and/or legal guardians who are interested in applying for the program must go through the pre-eligibility process and will need to bring the following:

- Three (3) latest checkstubs showing the applicant's name, hours worked (at least 60 hours bi-weekly), hourly rate, and gross monthly earnings (both parents)
- Most recent 1040 tax – for the year 2010 (both parents)
- School documents (class schedule, must be full time 12 credit)
- Training schedule (must have at least 60 training hours bi-weekly)

Interested applicants must bring the above documents to be entertained for pre-eligibility.

The Child Care Program Office will accept completed applications beginning October 14, 2011 (except on Oct. 17 and 18) and the last day to submit applications will be Oct. 25, 2011 at 4:00p.m. Completed applications along with the required documents should be forwarded to the Child Care Program Office Building No. 1347 Ascension Court Capitol Hill. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For questions regarding the Child Care Program please call at 664-2575/2546/2587.

Requirements:
Applicant of Household
1. Check stubs for the most recent three pay periods for each parent or guardian
2. A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian (Passport, CNMI driver's license, Mayor's ID Card or entry permit)
3. A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax for the year 2010 (each parent or guardian)
4. Residency: The applicant or guardian must be living in the CNMI
   Provide one of the following documents
   b. Utility Receipt
   c. Telephone Receipt
   d. Entry Permit
5. Employment verification (CCDF Form)
6. Child support statement/stub
7. Training/Education Verification and class schedules
8. If single parent/guardian in a household provide notarized affidavit

Child/Children Household member:
1. A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA)
2. A copy of US Passport
3. A copy of Social Security Card

Approved for distribution: /s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao, DCCA Secretary — September 29, 2011

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Demapan found engaging in unauthorized practice of law

»Public reprimand only as no pattern of misconduct was established

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REPORTER

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has publicly reprimanded Roman Demapan for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law when he attended a deposition and asked questions of a witness despite not being a lawyer or a legal intern.

In an order issued last week, Wiseman barred Demapan from any further unauthorized practice of law and directed him to publish within 10 days a public notice in newspapers and Marianas Cable Vision about the censure.

Wiseman said a reprimand is the appropriate form of discipline as he found no pattern of misconduct or multiple instances of misconduct on Demapan's part.

The issue came about after Demapan—a paralegal—attended a deposition for a civil case during which he asked the witness some questions despite not being authorized to do so. Demapan attended the deposition at the instruction of attorney Antonio Atalig.

"There is no showing of an intent to do anything wrong or improper by [Demapan]," Wiseman said. "By having a public censure or reprimand, the court believes that it will act as a deterrent to others similarly situated, and be a contributing factor in ensuring the proper administration of justice and protect the public with respect to having only licensed attorneys in this community engage in the practice of law."

The disciplinary action against Demapan stemmed from a complaint filed in February 2008 by Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo before the CNMI Supreme Court and the CNMI Bar Association. In his complaint, Govendo accused Demapan of receiving a contingency fee, even though he is not a lawyer. Govendo said that it was not the first time he had learned about Demapan receiving a contingency fee.

The CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee later determined that Demapan had engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. The committee recommended prosecution.

"The overall integrity of the practice of law and that of the Judiciary…would be undermined to allow the brother of the Chief Justice (now retired Miguel Demapan) to retain money from a contingent/fee-split after having been admonished against the practice of law and against fee splitting approximately one year before," the committee report states.

In his order, Wiseman said that Demapan admits that on Feb. 27, 2006, he attended the deposition of Wu Zheng Xiong, a witness in Lee Bok Yurl's civil lawsuit against Guangdong Dev. Co. Attorney Atalig, who was representing Lee, asked Demapan to attend the deposition that took place at the O'Connor's law office.

At the deposition, attorney David Banes asked Demapan if had any questions, to which the respondent indicated he would to ask the witness a couple of questions. Banes reportedly warned Demapan that, by asking questions, he might be practicing law without a license. Demapan went ahead and asked the witness.

Wiseman said that, in questioning a witness, on the record, at a deposition in a case being prosecuted before the court, Demapan committed the unauthorized practice of law in the CNMI.

Wiseman said there is no evidence that Atalig cautioned Demapan not to ask questions nor to take any other action at the deposition that might be interpreted as practicing law.

"Roman Demapan now knows his action in the 2006 deposition was, in fact, practicing law," the judge said.

Wiseman said there is no evidence of any other incident in which Demapan committed unauthorized practice of law.

Wiseman said the disciplinary counsel could not find sufficient evidence to bring any additional counts of ethical violations against Demapan in relation to the other complaint that the respondent received an illegal payment of a fee in another case.

'Philanthropy remains a central part of American society'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A fundraising professional for three decades says that Americans continue to be philanthropic even as the United States and the rest of the world face difficult times ahead.

"Admittedly, it has been challenging over the past few years. But one message has come through loud and clear, and that is charitable giving remains a central part of the American fabric. Even though there's a period of economic stress and volatility, Americans have continued to give," Steven West said at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday.

West, who is a Fellow in the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, said that although people "may have to dig deeper now" in order to give to charities, the main thing is that they "still choose to give."

Based on a 2010 report made by Giving USA, West said that American individuals, corporations, and foundations donated over $290 billion—about 2 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

Giving USA is a collaborative initiative combining the expertise and practical knowledge of Giving USA Foundation and the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University that brings the most comprehensive information about charitable giving in the U.S.

West

The amount recorded in 2010 saw an increase in charitable giving after posting a drop in 2008 and 2009. West noted that the only other time that the amount decreased in the past 56 years was in 1987.

"Why is giving so high? Why has it remained in these significant levels? Because giving is part of the core American values. It's a part of our fabric of society and it has been that way for the past 230 years in our country. Our forefathers did not bring this with them. This is something that has been developed in the United States of America," he explained.

Of the $290 billion given to charities in 2010, West said that 81 percent comes from individual donations, not from corporations or foundations as most people would think.

"It comes from people like you and me," he said.

Still, West indicated that nonprofit organizations are faced with challenges such as the rise in the number of nonprofit organizations, reduction in financial support from the government and even private corporations and foundations.

"In other words, the line is getting longer and the well is getting dryer," said West, emphasizing the need to look for further philanthropic revenue sources, which are individual donors.

According to West, the CNMI and the island community of Jamaica where he and his wife, Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart, previously lived for one and a half years "have the same type of opportunity" in that the two island communities can tap the "diaspora" of their indigenous populace who are living and working outside their islands.

"Many of them are making some pretty good wages and have become part of the fabric that understands giving and make donations themselves and they have a passion for their home island," he said.

Clear, mission-based messaging and strong stewardship efforts on the part of the nonprofit organizations would help donors know how their support impacts the groups' work, keeping them engaged and receptive to increasing their support as they are able to, West said.

Despite challenges, West said that "philanthropy will continue. "Each of us has a responsibility to help see this through. Each of us should be giving in our own means."

West also urged the public to volunteer. "It is part of our responsibility as we live here on Saipan and the CNMI."

Funding delays NI summit

The first ever Northern Islands summit, which aims to explore the islands' economic development opportunities and significance in the Commonwealth, has been pushed back to December.

Northern Islands Mayor's Office program manager Jerome Aldan confirmed yesterday the rescheduling of the summit originally slated for September.

Aldan cited funding as the main reason for the delay of the summit that also intends to create general awareness and educate the public about the existence of the 10 islands that constitute the CNMI's "northern frontier."

The Northern Islands are composed of Farallon de Mendinilla, Anatahan, Sarigan, Guguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Maug, and Farallon de Pajaros.

Aldan said the summit committee has already confirmed participation of several local and federal agencies as well as private companies that might be able to do business in the Northern Islands once they're repopulated and redeveloped.

"We're wrapping up our planning efforts for the summit, which we hope would push through by December," Aldan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Aldan said the committee, headed by Jess Wabol, would meet again this week and work on inviting other government offices such as the Public School System, the Commonwealth Health Center, and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to send representatives to the summit. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

Vets' hospital thanks Rotary for 1,000 DVDs

The Department of Veterans Affairs Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Illinois thanked the Rotary Club of Saipan for their "concern and compassion" to veterans with a DVD donation in 2010.

In a letter dated Aug. 16, voluntary service chief Barbara J. Hunt extended her appreciation to the Rotary Club of Saipan on behalf of the hospital patients and staff.

"Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country," wrote Hunt.

The Rotary Club of Saipan donated last year 1,000 DVDs to the website DVDs4Vets, which accepts DVDs and portable DVD players as donations to be distributed to various Veterans Affairs facilities such as hospitals and veteran centers throughout the United States. The Rotary Club of Saipan's donation earned the organization the Honor Roll status at DVDs4Vets. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, WAKIN'S BUILDING, PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes
   a. Minutes of 9/14/11 CDA Board Meeting
   b. Minutes of 9/14/11 DCD Board Meeting

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS
1. Executive Director
2. Comptroller
3. Legal Counsel

IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget
   a. Interviews – Comptroller Position
   b. Public Laws 10-76 and 11-59
   c. Within Grade Increases (WGI)
   d. Public Law 17-55, FY2012 Budget Act
   e. Governor's Directive No. 282
2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
   a. Policy & Procedures on Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure
3. Development Banking Division (DBD)
4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities
   a. Open Government Act Request

V. OLD BUSINESS
1. Office Relocation
2. State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)
3. Commonwealth Gov't Employees' Credit Union (CGECU)
4. New Employer's Share Contribution (NMIRF)
5. Arctic Circle Investment

VI. NEW BUSINESS
1. MPLT Resolution 11-5 and MOA

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ **PEDRO I. ITIBUS**
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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Pro se,

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JUAN KAIPAT TAITANO, Petitioner,	]	**FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0357**
vs.	]	**SUMMONS**
SRI PAYAKMEAK TAITANO, Respondent.	]	

TO: Sri Payakmeak Taitano

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Dated this 16th day of August, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-12-2309

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

For: SECURITY SERVICES AT SELECTED TOURIST SITES

Closing Date: **November 9, 2011** Time: **2:00 p.m. (Saipan Time)**

Submit sealed proposals to: The Division of Procurement & Supply

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the MVA Saipan office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday) except holidays or by visiting the MVA website at www.mymarianas.com or by visiting our website www.mymarianas.com under the Members section.

/s/ HERMAN SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

/s/ PERRY JOHN P. TENORIO
Managing Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-12-2310

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

To Provide Local Public Relations and Media Services

Closing Date: October 24, 2011 Time: 2:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: The Division of Procurement & Supply

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work and application for local preference at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Non-Austerity Fridays, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ HERMAN SABLAN
Director, P&S

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
Managing Director

Air Force to conduct scoping meetings in the CNMI

The CNMI Military Integration Management Committee announced yesterday that the U.S. Air Force will be holding open house public scoping meetings to support an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed, and for identifying the significant issues related to the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement, also known as EIS, aimed at assessing the potential environmental impacts from proposed development of divert capabilities within the Mariana Islands.

Scoping meetings will inform the public of the proposed action and NEPA process and give residents an opportunity to submit written and oral comments on the scope, environmental resources, and local issues to be addressed in the EIS.

In a letter to MIMC coordinator Tom Linden, USAF Brig. Gen. Scott West said: "The purpose of the proposed action is to fulfill mission requirements that assure a divert airfield alternative location to Andersen Air Force Base exists that can support operational divert requirements, joint military training and exercises, and humanitarian relief operations within a reasonable distance to AAFB and the Philippine Sea."

The proposed action includes development of a divert airfield location to enable critical enhancements to an existing civilian airfield, permitting increased divert locations supporting operational requirements, humanitarian assistance, and exercise capabilities that are necessary for the U.S. Air Force to maintain a state of military readiness commensurate with the national defense mission.

The public scoping meetings will be conducted in an open house format and members of the public may arrive at any time during the meetings. There will be no formal presentation, but service representatives will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed action.

"This is an opportune time for the CNMI community to voice their concerns on environmental concerns such as threatened and endangered species, air quality, water, noise, cultural, and historical resources," said Linden. "Other issues such as transportation, regional economy, recreation, public health, and public safety will also be an integral component to formulating the EIS."

The public scoping meetings in the CNMI will be held from 5:30pm, to 8:30pm at the following locations:

■ Saipan: Monday, Oct. 17,2011, Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe

■ Tinian: Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, Tinian Elementary School, San Jose

■ Rota: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, Sinapalo Elementary School, Sinapalo

Those who may be unable to participate in the public scoping meetings may send written comments to Capt. Kimberly Bender, PACAF/PA, 25 E Street, Suite G-108, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853, ATTN: PACAF Divert Marianas EIS. You may, also, obtain up-to-date information about the EIS process through the project website at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com. ***(Office of the Governor)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Auditions for Treasure Island

TWPI will hold cast auditions for *Treasure Island*, an adaptation by Phil Willmott of the classic novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. Auditions are scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 13, and Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at 4pm at T building, MHS. All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to audition. The play is set in 1772 and starts in England. We need pirates for the trip to tropical Treasure Island... aargh! ***(PR)***

Library Friends meeting on Saturday

It is time once again to have a Library Friends meeting. If you know of anyone that is interested, please encourage them to come to the meeting on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at 11am, at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library in the annex room across the IT center. More people in attendance means more chances of electing a new board. There are a lot of grants out there that we qualify for but cannot apply until such time as we have all officer positions filled. ***(PR)***

Rota lawmakers appropriate $6K for casino commission

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REPORTER

The Rota Legislative Delegation passed yesterday morning a local bill appropriating $6,000 for the operations and activities of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission for fiscal year 2011, even as Rota Treasure Island Casino Corp. at Rota Hotel has yet to reopen since its closure on March 25 and before Rota Resort & Country Club could open its casino three months after being granted a conditional casino license.

During a brief session, the four-member delegation chaired by Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) passed Rep. Teresita Santos' (Ind-Rota) House Local Bill 17-58.

The measure now goes to the governor for action.

Santos said yesterday she's glad that her colleagues supported the local bill's passage.

The $6,000 will be appropriated as follows: $2,500 for the executive director's salary, $1,000 for professional services, $2,000 for communications, $300 for repairs, and $200 for ground maintenance.

Besides Santos and Ayuyu, the other delegation members who voted yes on HLB 17-58 were Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

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WHILE EMPLOYMENT-BASED PETITIONS ARE PENDING

I-129 beneficiaries may apply to remain in NMI

» Continuing employment available for H-1B and other INA categories

Foreign workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands may apply for parole and an employment authorization document, or EAD, to remain in the CNMI and continue working while awaiting a decision on a petitioning employer's Form I-129 Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker requesting a grant of status in the CNMI for them. Examples of nonimmigrant classifications for which a I-129 petition may be filed include H-1B Specialty Occupation, E-1 Treaty Trader, E-2 Investor, L-1 Intra-Company Transferee and R Religious Worker. To benefit from this policy, the petition must be filed before Nov. 28, 2011.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services developed this approach in response to input received from the public during USCIS outreach sessions during the last two weeks of September. Employers and workers were concerned that businesses would have to close if the benefiting employees had to leave the CNMI to await decisions on their employer's I-129 petitions. There was particular concern about a negative impact on schools and hospitals.

USCIS also recognizes that it is important to support movement into regular employment-based nonimmigrant categories under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as that is the ultimate goal of the CNMI transition to federal immigration law. A continuing employment provision in the CW Transitional Worker final rule allowed this convenience for workers who are being petitioned for CW-1, but there are no equivalent special regulatory provisions for those under INA categories.

Q. Can I stay and continue working in the CNMI while awaiting a USCIS decision on an I-129 petition filed on my behalf?

A. Parole and work authorization must be current for you to remain legally in the CNMI and continue working while awaiting a decision on your H-1B or other nonimmigrant employment-based petition. Without parole and work authorization, a foreign worker is unable to work and must leave the CNMI and wait for a decision outside the United States.

Q. Who can apply for parole and employment authorization?

A. Workers for whom employers are filing an I-129 Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker requesting a grant of nonimmigrant status in the CNMI can apply for parole and an employment authorization document, EAD. Examples of nonimmigrant classifications for which an I-129 petition may be filed include H-1B Specialty Occupation, E-1 Treaty Trader, E-2 Investor, L-1 Intra-Company Transferee and R Religious Worker. To benefit from this policy, the petition must have been filed before Nov. 28, 2011.

Q. Is everyone in the CNMI eligible for this continuing employment benefit?

A. No. To eligible for continuing employment, a foreign worker must be:

§ Legally present in the CNMI;

§ Working prior to Nov. 28, 2011 with a valid permit; and

§ Have an employer who files an I-129 for him/her prior to Nov. 28, 2011.

Russian and Chinese visitors who have been paroled into the United States solely as tourists are not eligible to work.

Q. What must be submitted with the parole and EAD request?

A. You must submit the following information:

■ A letter or affidavit signed by you, the worker, requesting parole. Include your complete P.O. Box mailing address and telephone number;

■ A copy of a valid identity document, such as your passport biographic page (with photo, date of birth and expiration date);

■ A copy of your I-94 (front and back) if you have one;

■ A copy of your umbrella permit or other document evidencing your lawful presence and work authorization (if you have one);

■ A letter from your employer verifying his or her intention to continue your employment, indicating the U.S. immigration law category for which he/she intends to file the I-129 on your behalf on or before Nov. 28, 2011, or a copy of the filed I-129 if available;

■ Completed I-765 Application for Employment Authorization; and

■ Check for $380 made out to the Department of Homeland Security or a request for fee waiver, such as the I-912.

Seal all these items in one envelope with the following information:

■ Your name, P.O. Box and telephone number

■ "I-129 Parole, EAD and Waiver Request"

We recommend that you keep a copy of all documents for yourself.

Q. Where can I get the I-765 and I-912 forms?

A. These forms are available for free on-line at www.uscis.gov/forms or at the USCIS office, TSL Plaza, Garapan, Saipan.

Q. Where should I submit my request for parole, I-765 and fee waiver request?

A. Please see the table below for instructions on how to submit your request.

If you are on Saipan	If you are on Rota or Tinian
You can drop off your request for parole, EAD and fee waiver at the USCIS Office in Saipan. These requests will be accepted only on a drop-off basis. When you drop off your request at the USCIS Office, no one will be available to answer questions about it unless you have an InfoPass appointment.	You must mail your request to: DHS-USCIS Sirena Plaza, Suite 100 108 Hernan Cortez Avenue Hagatna, Guam 96910 ATTN: I-129 Parole, EAD - CNMI

Q. Is there a fee to apply for parole?

A. There is no filing fee to apply for parole in this situation.

Q. Is there a fee to apply for an EAD?

A. There is a $380 filing fee for the I-765 Request for Employment Authorization.

Q. Can I get a waiver of the I-765 fee?

A. You may submit a request, such as the I-912 Request for Fee Waiver, along with your I-765 request. Fee waivers are based upon a determination that the applicant is unable to pay. If you are able to pay the fee, you should not submit a fee waiver request.

Q. Can my employer pay the I-765 fee for me?

A. Yes, but the employer is not required to do so.

Q. Does the employer or foreign worker apply for parole, employment authorization and fee waiver?

A. The foreign worker applies for those benefits. However, as described elsewhere in this guidance, the application will require certain supporting information from the employer.

Q. When do I have to submit my request in order to have parole and an EAD by Nov. 28?

A. You should submit your package as soon as possible. We strongly suggest that the package be sent by Oct. 14, 2011. USCIS is committed to processing these requests as quickly as possible, and has made arrangements to input the applications in Guam and process as a special group at our National Benefits Center in order to address the unique situation in the CNMI.

Q. Does my employer have to have filed the Form I-129 in order for me to apply for parole?

A. No. USCIS recognizes that putting together a complete and accurate petition package for an H-1B or other nonimmigrant worker will take employers some time, and in many cases requires previous action by the U.S. Department of Labor. Also, it will take time for USCIS to process these parole and EAD requests. For these reasons, USCIS will accept the requests prior to the employer actually filing the I-129. However, as stated elsewhere in this guidance, the worker should at a minimum supply a letter stating the employer's intention to continue your employment in a U.S. immigration law category, and the employer will need to file the petition no later than Nov. 28, 2011. Employers are strongly encouraged to begin the H-1B or other nonimmigrant petition process immediately, if they have not already done so.

Q. Will USCIS grant parole in cases where the employer requests consular processing abroad for the worker?

A. No. This option is intended for cases where the employer is seeking a first-time grant of nonimmigrant status in the CNMI for the worker beneficiary of the Form I-129 petition, not for those cases in which the worker intends to obtain a visa abroad based upon an approved petition.

Q. Is premium processing available for Form I-129 petitions filed by CNMI employers?

A. USCIS offers a premium processing service for some Form I-129 filers. With premium processing, USCIS will process the case within 15 days. There is an additional premium processing fee of $1,225 for those requesting this service. In the CNMI, premium processing is available to Form I-129 petitioners requesting consular processing or an extension of a current U.S. nonimmigrant status. It is not available for petitioners requesting an initial grant of status in the CNMI, or a change of nonimmigrant status. Employers who qualify for premium processing, and desire this service, should file USCIS Form I-907 along with their Form I-129 package.

Q. For how long will parole and an EAD be granted?

A. If granted, parole and EADs in these instances generally will be valid for a period of 120 days.

Q. Can I work once parole is granted?

A. Parole allows an individual to remain temporarily in the CNMI

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 12, 1999

Fed's help sought in probe of consumer prices

Unfazed by difficulties in probing the alleged high consumer prices in the CNMI, Rep. Melvin O. Faisao has asked the involvement of the Federal Maritime Commission to determine whether shipping rates have dictated retail value of imported goods sold in local stores. In a letter to Harold J. Creed, commission chairman, the representative said information on the tariff charges imposed on ships plying the U.S.-CNMI route would help the government in the ongoing investigation. According to Faisao, questions such as whether the rates fall under international or interstate tariff charges or whether the CNMI is considered international destination and not domestic will need answers to assess their impact on consumer prices.

No need to rush approval of 2000 budget

The government is running smoothly even without the timely approval of the proposed FY 2000 budget package which has faced difficulties in the Legislature following differences among members on how to distribute the meager resources. According to Speaker Diego T. Benavente, the House is not about to rush passage of the $206.7 million spending package as the continuing resolution based from FY 99 resources that was adopted early this month by the administration allots budget to departments and agencies. "We are still working on the budget. Whether we have a budget or the continuing resolution.

Oct. 12, 2000

CDA on right track in $60-M bond

The Commonwealth Development Authority and its mainland United States-based underwriters are on the right track in delaying the flotation of the $60 million municipal bond in anticipation of the seasonal drop in interest rates. Rep. William S. Torres expressed confidence CDA and its underwriters in San Francisco will be able to strike the best deal for the Commonwealth once the tax-free municipal bond is finally floated. "It's just a matter of proper timing but I am sure it's moving on the right direction. They are just waiting for the interest rates to fall because that would be more beneficial for the Northern Marianas," said Mr. Torres.

Tinian hosts education summit today

Tinian will host today an annual gathering of representatives from various community sectors in an education summit that will attempt to gauge over-all perceptions and expectations of the state of CNMI's public education. The forum dubbed as "The Great Expectations" is anticipated to bring together over 200 participants to include parents, teachers, business leaders and other community members. Board of Education Chair Frances H. Diaz yesterday extended an invitation to the whole Tinian community to take part in one of the largest education dialogues scheduled for the year. "This would be the best opportunity for community members to air out their concerns as well as their expectations on what direction they want public education to take," said Ms. Diaz.

Oct. 12, 2001

Social Security announces change in policy

The Social Security Administration has changed its policy with respect to the treatment of individuals who received benefits from the former Northern Mariana Islands Social Security System. The NMISSS was merged with the US Social Security on January 1, 1987. Since that time the continued entitlement of former NMISSS beneficiaries has been based on NMISSS law, even in cases where US Social Security rules were more advantageous. Social Security has now changed its position and will make entitlement determinations based on whichever rules are most advantageous.

RP amends law on birth record changes

As provided under Republic Act No. 9048 authorizing change and amendment of entries of civil registry records, the Office of the Civil Registrar General, in consultation with other agencies of the Philippine government, promulgated implementing rules and regulations for the said law. Under Administrative law No. 1, Series of 2001, civil registrars, consuls general, including clerks of Shari'a Courts, may, in their official capacity, make corrections of typographical errors and to change first name or nicknames in the civil register. Clerical or typographical error refers to "a mistake committed in the performance of clerical work in writing, copying, transcribing or typing an entry in the civil register that is harmless and innocuous, such as misspelled name or misspelled place of birth, or the like, which is visible to the eyes, obvious to the understanding, and can be corrected only by reference to other existing records: Provided, however, that no correction must involve the change of nationality, age, status, or sex of the petitioner."

Help save lives with Red Cross' fire safety tips

» Install smoke alarms
» Create a fire escape plan

Every 82 seconds a home fire breaks out, according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Fires can cause irreparable damage to homes and businesses displacing families and employees. Last year, the American Red Cross responded to 63,000 home fires across the country and provided comfort and basic necessities to those affected. This Oct. 9-15 the Red Cross is helping families and businesses learn how to protect themselves and others from fires in observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

"Taking simple steps like installing smoke detectors and developing and practicing a fire escape plan can make a critical difference in saving lives, homes and workplaces," said J.D. Tenorio, Emergency Services director of the American Red Cross, NMI Chapter, who recommends that every family and business develop and practice a fire safety plan. "Everyone at home, school, and work should know what to do when they hear the sound of a smoke alarm."

Additional recommendations include:

■ Install smoke alarms on every level of the house and inside bedrooms.

■ Replace batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year. Test each alarm monthly by pushing the test button.

■ Ensure that household members know two ways to escape from every room and designate a place to meet outside of your house in case of a fire. Practice your plan at least twice a year.

■ Follow your escape plan in case of fire. Get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number. Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for additional fire safety tips.

Business, too, should be prepared. Fire is the most common of all business disasters. Companies, schools, and other organizations can learn how to prepare for fires and other emergencies by becoming a member of the Red Cross Ready Rating Program at www.readyrating.org. Complete a free, online assessment of your current readiness level and receive customized feedback with tips to improve preparedness.

In addition to helping families and businesses prepare their homes and facilities for potential fires, the Red Cross is there to help those in need when fires break out. The NMI Chapter responded to 10 home fires in the past 12 months, the most recent one occurring on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, when a fire completely destroyed a single family home. Red Cross Disaster Action Team member Claudine Atalig responded to the scene. Fortunately there were no injuries. The Red Cross was able to assist the family with immediate emergency needs such as food and clothing. The NMI Chapter also has a shelter that is made available to clients who are displaced by such incidents and have no other place to stay.

"In order to continue responding to disasters like fires at homes and businesses here in the Northern Marianas, the Red Cross depends on the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community," said Tenorio. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or donate, contact the local American Red Cross Chapter at 234-3459. ***(ARC)***

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A Red Cross personnel revisits the scene of a house fire that occurred on Saturday. Red Cross Disaster Action Team member Claudine Atalig responded to the scene and assisted the family with their immediate emergency needs. The house was completely destroyed by the fire. Fortunately no one was hurt at the time.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Gloria and Jerry Pagarao! We hope all your presents bring you much pleasure, and when it's all over, the memory you'll treasure! Have a great birthday to the both of you! God bless! Greetings come from your ACE family and friends!

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subject to any conditions but does not provide work authorization. You can continue to work under your current umbrella or other work permit until Nov. 27, 2011 (or the expiration date of that authorization, if earlier). Once your EAD is granted, as a beneficiary of an I-129 petition filed on or before Nov. 28, 2011 by your current employer, you may continue to work in your current position without violating the immigration laws until a decision is made on your petition or until your EAD expires.

Q. Can I work for any employer with my EAD?

A. No. A condition of your parole in this situation is that you will use the EAD to continue to work only for the employer filing the Form I-129 on your behalf, until that petition is adjudicated by USCIS.

Q. Can I travel anywhere in the United States?

A. No. Parole of individuals in this situation does not permit the individual to travel to any other part of the United States. If you need to travel outside of the CNMI, you should provide necessary details when requesting your parole, and USCIS will consider whether to authorize this travel as part of your parole.

Q. Why can't I automatically continue to work for my current employer as a foreign worker can who is being petitioned for a CW-1 category?

A. A continuing employment provision in the CW Transitional Worker final rule allowed this convenience for foreign workers who are being petitioned for CW-1 status, but there were no special provisions for those on whose behalf petitions may be filed under INA-based nonimmigrant classifications. In response to the unique situation in the CNMI and to avoid, to the extent possible, disparate treatment of those employers who are complying with the law and submitting I-129 petitions for positions qualifying as H-1B specialty occupation positions or otherwise eligible for a regular U.S. employment-based nonimmigrant category, USCIS is providing a way for beneficiaries of I-129 petitions to apply for parole, work authorization and fee waivers in order to continue working in the CNMI while awaiting a decision on their I-129 petitions.

Q. This all sounds pretty complicated. Can't my employer just file a CW petition for me instead, and then later on I can change that to H-1B under U.S. immigration law?

A. No. The CW transitional worker program is for employment positions and workers that do not qualify for H-1B or another regular U.S. employment-based nonimmigrant classification. If a position is eligible for an INA-based nonimmigrant status, the employer should seek that status for the worker. A CW petition for an H-1B position will be denied.

Q. What about my dependents? If I am granted parole and permitted to continue to work pending adjudication of my employer's Form I-129, will my dependents also be allowed to remain in the CNMI with me?

A. If you are a worker eligible for parole under this guidance, you may also request parole for your spouse and dependent children (under the age of 21) who are lawfully present in the CNMI. You must submit the following information regarding any family member requesting parole along with you:

■ A letter or affidavit signed by the family member requesting parole, or signed by you if the family member is a child under 18;

■ A copy of a valid identity document, such as a passport biographic page (with photo, date of birth and expiration date);

■ A copy of any Form I-94 (front and back), umbrella permit, and/or other document showing current lawful presence in the CNMI.

This parole will allow the family member to remain with the worker lawfully in the CNMI after Nov. 27, 2011, but does not authorize employment. Work authorization will not be granted to paroled family members. If you and your spouse are both eligible for parole and work authorization as workers under this guidance, you should file separate requests as such.

Q. If I or my family member is eligible for parole under this guidance, will it automatically be granted?

A. Any grant of parole is discretionary and will be made on a case by case basis.

Q. Where can I find more information about parole in the CNMI?

A. USCIS is the component within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that handles immigration benefits. For more information, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/cnmi. ***(USCIS)***

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Liberia's Leymah Gbowee: The power of the powerless

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Friday morning, Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee—along with her country's president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and Yemeni activist Tawakul Karman—was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. A decade ago, this moment would have seemed unthinkable. But Gbowee's triumph, like last spring's Arab uprisings, is a powerful reminder that in the 21st century world, change often comes from the bottom—not from a country's armies but its people.

In 2001, Liberia was in the grip of a civil war that had been going on for years and that had decimated the country. More than 100,000 people had died, many of them children, and countless women had been raped. As many as a third of Liberians had been displaced. Much of the country's infrastructure—its sewage and electrical system, roads, hospitals and schools—lay in ruins. Thousands of boys had been pressed into fighting for one side or another, fed liquor and drugs and turned into killers.

Gbowee, then a newly graduated social worker and struggling single mother of four, had herself lived in a refugee camp for a time, and had been forced to send her young children away to Ghana for their safety. Anguished and angry, one night she had a powerful dream in which a mysterious voice ordered her to "gather the women to pray for peace." That vision led to a weekly prayer gathering. But she knew it would take more.

Then-President Charles Taylor had forbidden public opposition to his policies. The men of Liberia, even those who wanted the war to end, were doing nothing. Gbowee believed it would be up to the country's women, their resolve sharpened by suffering, to bring peace.

In Gbowee's view, the women of Liberia had been pushed to their limits; pushing back was their only hope for survival. What was there to be afraid of, she asked, when they had already endured the unspeakable?

On April 14, 2003, in a protest organized through the African Women in Peacebuilding Network, thousands of women dressed in white gathered in a field along the capital of Monrovia's central road and refused to leave. Christians and Muslims, young and old, educated and illiterate, all sat together to voice a single demand: "The women of Liberia want peace."

The women picketed in downtown Monrovia, they held events and news conferences, but mostly they sat, day after day, month after month, in searing heat and pouring rain, demanding that attention be paid. With outreach, the protests soon spread to rural counties, and across Liberia.

That summer, even as violence and misery exploded in Monrovia, peace talks began in Ghana. When they seemed to be going nowhere, Leymah and her sisters in the women's network organized Liberian women living in exile in Ghana to gather outside the hotel where representatives of Taylor and the various rebel warlords met each day and accomplished nothing. Finally, in rage and despair, she organized a sit-in that in effect locked the diplomats in their conference room. They will feel the pain of what our people are feeling at home, declared her "ransom" note. "We are tired of the killing of our people!" she told journalists.

In the face of the women's actions, the talks grew more serious. Taylor left Liberia, peace finally came, and in 2005, after more strategic organizing by women, Liberia elected Ellen

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Nothing can replace the classroom experience

By JOHN VILLASENOR
Los Angeles Times

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To the long list of threats to the quality of an American university education, we can now add another: the rush into online instruction. Universities across the country are under increasing pressure to offer more of their courses over the Internet. The University of California, where I teach, has started offering for-credit online undergraduate courses this year.

In theory, moving online is a win-win for all involved. Students receive instruction at the locations of their choosing, courses become more accessible to working students who can eliminate the overhead of commuting to class, cash-strapped universities broaden their reach and revenue base, and professors can earn extra compensation for putting their courses online.

But amid the enthusiasm for all that is gained, it is also important to look at what is lost when the classroom experience is piped through the Internet and delivered on a screen. The Internet is very efficient at conveying words and images from one place to another. But good university teaching is much more than that.

Teaching in the truest sense is what occurs when a committed instructor gets in a room with a group of equally committed students and engages them in an interactive, probing and challenging treatment of a subject. A good lecture or seminar has its foundation in words but gains its texture and flow from countless other subtle cues and interactions in the classroom. These include the body language of the students that an alert instructor will observe and use in modulating the pace and content of the discussion, the pauses and inflections in student questions that would escape capture by a microphone, and the dynamism that occurs because each student, sitting among different neighbors at a unique location in the room, experiences and engages with the class slightly differently.

A course is also made effective by the unscripted interactions that occur as students gather before and after the class, and by the simple fact that the physical act of getting to class requires at least some investment of time and energy. In short, attending a well-run class in person is immersive and engaging in a way that far exceeds anything that consumer technology can possibly hope to deliver now or in the foreseeable future.

I'll admit that there's a certain attraction to the idea of moving to Maui and teaching all my classes from the comfort of a video camera-equipped home office. In fact, on a small number of occasions over the years, I have lectured by live videoconference when an unavoidable business trip left me the choice between teaching by videoconference or not at all. Each time I do this I am struck by the near miracle of reaching across time zones and miles to see and hear my students in a sunlit classroom in California. I speak and write on the board; they take notes and ask questions. Business as usual.

But when the lecture ends, a button is pushed, and jarringly I am suddenly somewhere else—a campus in the evening on the East Coast, or a nearly empty building near midnight somewhere in Europe. And I always feel a pang of guilt because I know, and my students know, that a class taught by videoconference is a distant second choice to the here-and-now presence of a lecture, properly delivered, by a real person standing in front of them.

The national trend toward online university instruction has been bolstered by a Department of Education-funded report that analyzed nearly 100 studies and concluded that online instruction, in the words of the report's lead author, "actually tends to be better than conventional instruction."

Depending on how narrowly one defines "better," that may be true. Under certain conditions it undoubtedly is true—for example, for the working student who cannot travel to class and for whom online education opens a whole new world of previously inaccessible options. For these students, universities can and should work to create appropriate frameworks and programs to use online instruction to broaden their reach.

But policymakers, university teachers and administrators should acknowledge that scientific studies and budget pressures notwithstanding, something is lost when the classroom experience becomes virtual. As we strive to educate our university students in an increasingly competitive global economic climate, among the many costly and complex measures that are on the table for improving their educational experience, here's one that is refreshingly simple: Show up.

Instructors owe it to their students to be there in the classroom, and students owe it to themselves—and to the rest of us—to do their best to be there as well.

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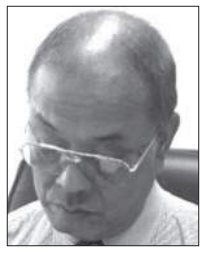

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The quiet and simple folks in the villages have definitely taken insightful stock dissecting the correlation (equivalence) between political leaders and progress. It fits what President Harry Truman once said: "In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still." Unfortunately, standing still may appear as improvements over the dire reality of living in abject poverty.

Definitely, the prevailing standstill isn't our version of what leadership should be doing; we need to move forward and should have been flexing our muscles. President Truman added, "Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." And, "Courageous and skillful leaders enable progress to happen. And many times those leaders know the courageous and skillful action is to get out of the way."

It's good to remind those at the helm that sometimes even the weather isn't about them. It's about the lack of real progressive strides to pull their people out of the dungeons of disoriented and dazed leadership. In simple terms, it translates into forcing our people to languish consistently and persistently in abject poverty.

It brings into focus the impending election next year and the subsequent gubernatorial race. It would be impossible for the incumbent or heir apparent to seek another term atop the leadership pyramid. And not when you've placed an indelibly powerful stench of apocalyptic poverty in the mouths of your people known as failed leadership. Governance knows its T-Sheet like the back of their hands.

If perchance governance misses the boat, then we won't suffer from just another leadership recession but quadruple leadership recession. This transition could begin by Election Year 2012. Let's ask people at the helm if their depth finder has found the bottom of the local treasury by cutting their insatiable unbridled spending habits or is it bottomless and bankrupt due to cronyism and nepotism, ignoring a circular issued to freeze hiring?

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Ignoring classic rule on holes

A glimpse into what leadership has done over the years shows how they have apparently never learned the classic First Rule of Holes: When you're in one, stop digging. Otherwise, you'd dig your own grave. Slow down our ability to accept our wonderful time digging our own hole; it's creeping steadily home, ready to devour our purposeful misgivings.

The local government is up to its earlobes with debts, its vision blurred by a pile of IOUs. It finds breathing room by avoiding the task at hand—all located on island—by taking long bomb trips abroad with impunity. We mull if there's anything left to scrounge in order to salvage the future of these isles. Buddy Magoo hit me with a sarcastic remark, "Try steak and lobster!"

We've become the fat ostrich that never learns. He returns home to find the two-headed corn snake called deficit still growing and walking around surprisingly healthier, potbellied and padded with gargantuan fat cells. Perhaps it's our perception or dismissive culture of reluctance that has dealt us swallowing filthy water rolling down from the side of I Deni.

We don't complain about it given that being big and heavy is considered healthy in the local culture. Is this why the seeming apathy at home on the bankruptcy of the Fund and severe plummet in revenue generation? Fear not of reprisal and your opportunity to make a difference is looming over the horizon—2012 midterm election. We must faithfully learn from past mistakes, otherwise we'd keep repeating the same error, time and again. Now a hole that is deeper than any part of the Marianas Trench. It's Deficit Trench fighting!

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Retirees rely on their pension for their livelihood but are faced with an imperiled Fund ready to go belly up. It is through their pension benefits upon which they pay for health insurance to take care of illnesses and medication. If they lose the first, they'd also lose the second and leave thousands without the means to live and secure medical care. To say that this would be chaotic is an understatement. But to say it would be disastrous is more accurate a description.

The parade to Bankruptcy Cliff has begun. It has left the parade ground with trumpets blaring in the air with victory-like marching songs like "Anchors Away" over "Don't worry, be happy...." Everybody seems nervously happy! Would this joy dampen when faced with having to jump off Bankruptcy Cliff? Would we hear Banzai in Shanghai? Would we sniff steak and lobster before meeting our fate? A lot has gone wrong in paradise that has its genesis in ill-fated decisions formulated or otherwise beginning three decades ago and in recent past. So much for self-government! We can't even run a retirement fund.

We now pant for air on the three-mile territorial sea but didn't we place the most expensive tour guides in Washington who conveniently overlooked this and the opportunity for the NMI to claim rights to ownership of its 200-mile EEZ? Or was it a case of being completely clueless to substantive issues as to ignore them altogether? Now we're back pedaling, *di ba?*

Obama: A disaster for civil liberties

By JONATHAN TURLEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

With the 2012 presidential election before us, the country is again caught up in debating national security issues, our continuing wars and the threat of terrorism. There is one related subject, however, that is rarely mentioned: civil liberties.

Protecting individual rights and liberties—apart from the right to be tax-free—seems barely relevant to candidates or voters. One man is primarily responsible for the disappearance of civil liberties from the national debate, and he is Barack Obama. While many are reluctant to admit it, Obama has proved a disaster not just for specific civil liberties but the civil liberties cause in the United States.

Civil libertarians have long had a dysfunctional relationship with the Democratic Party, which treats them as a captive voting bloc with nowhere else to turn in elections. Not even this history, however, prepared civil libertarians for Obama. After the George W. Bush years, they were ready to fight to regain ground lost after 9/11. Historically, this country has tended to correct periods of heightened police powers with a pendulum swing back toward greater individual rights. Many were questioning the extreme measures taken by the Bush administration, especially after the disclosure of abuses and illegalities. Candidate Obama capitalized on this swing and portrayed himself as the champion of civil liberties.

However, President Obama not only retained the controversial Bush policies, he expanded on them. The earliest, and most startling, move came quickly. Soon after his election, various military and political figures reported that Obama reportedly promised Bush officials in private that no one would be investigated or prosecuted for torture. In his first year, Obama made good on that promise, announcing that no CIA employee would be prosecuted for torture. Later, his administration refused to prosecute any of the Bush officials responsible for ordering or justifying the program and embraced the "just following orders" defense for other officials, the very defense rejected by the United States at the Nuremberg trials after World War II.

Obama failed to close Guantanamo Bay as promised. He continued warrantless surveillance and military tribunals that denied defendants basic rights. He asserted the right to kill U.S. citizens he views as terrorists. His administration has fought to block dozens of public-interest lawsuits challenging privacy violations and presidential abuses.

But perhaps the biggest blow to civil liberties is what he has done to the movement itself. It has quieted to a whisper, muted by the power of Obama's personality and his symbolic importance as the first black president as well as the liberal who replaced Bush. Indeed, only a few days after he took office, the Nobel committee awarded him the Nobel Peace Prize without his having a single accomplishment to his credit beyond being elected. Many Democrats were, and remain, enraptured.

It's almost a classic case of the Stockholm syndrome, in which a hostage bonds with his captor despite the obvious threat to his existence. Even though many Democrats admit in private that they are shocked by Obama's position on civil liberties, they are incapable of opposing him. Some insist that they are simply motivated by realism: A Republican would be worse. However, realism alone cannot explain the utter absence of a push for an alternative Democratic candidate or organized opposition to Obama's policies on civil liberties in Congress during his term. It looks more like a cult of personality. Obama's policies have become secondary to his persona.

Ironically, had Obama been defeated in 2008, it is likely that an alliance for civil liberties might have coalesced and effectively fought the government's burgeoning police powers. A Gallup poll released this week shows 49% of Americans, a record since the poll began asking this question in 2003, believe that "the federal government poses an immediate threat to individuals' rights and freedoms." Yet the Obama administration long ago made a cynical calculation that it already had such voters in the bag and tacked to the right on this issue to show Obama was not "soft" on terror. He assumed that, yet again, civil libertarians might grumble and gripe but, come election day, they would not dare stay home.

This calculation may be wrong. Obama may have flown by the fail-safe line, especially when it comes to waterboarding. For many civil libertarians, it will be virtually impossible to vote for someone who has flagrantly ignored the Convention Against Torture or its underlying Nuremberg Principles. As Obama and Atty. Gen. Eric H. Holder Jr. have admitted, waterboarding is clearly torture and has been long defined as such by both international and U.S. courts. It is not only a crime but a war crime.

By blocking the investigation and prosecution of those responsible for torture, Obama violated international law and reinforced other countries in refusing investigation of their own alleged war crimes. The administration magnified the damage by blocking efforts of other countries like Spain from investigating our alleged war crimes. In this process, his administration shredded principles on the accountability of government officials and lawyers facilitating war crimes and further destroyed the credibility of the U.S. in objecting to civil liberties abuses abroad.

In time, the election of Barack Obama may stand as one of the single most devastating events in our history for civil liberties. Now the president has begun campaigning for a second term. He will again be selling himself more than his policies, but he is likely to find many civil libertarians who simply are not buying.

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LIBERIA

From Page 10

Sirleaf Johnson to be Africa's first modern-day female head of state. Today, even as the country struggles economically, peace endures.

It's tempting to see today's citizen revolutions as something created by technology, uprisings grown of instant messages, mobile uploads, Facebook. Yes, those media are useful organizing tools, but they are not the point. No social networks existed 10 years ago in Liberia; much of the country still lacks not just Internet access but reliable electricity. What mattered, what continues to matter, is that leaders with vision reached out to the disenfranchised and miserable, offering them a way to take action, a way to hope.

Movements begin with people who can imagine the possibility of change and communicate that vision. How did a movement of "ordinary" Liberian women change history? Listen to Leymah: "You can tell people of the need to struggle. But when the powerless start to see that they really can make a difference, nothing can quench the fire."

Carol Mithers is a Los Angeles journalist and the co-author, with Leymah Gbowee, of the memoir Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War. *She wrote this for the* Los Angeles Times.

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny with a slight chance of thunderstorms near Guam. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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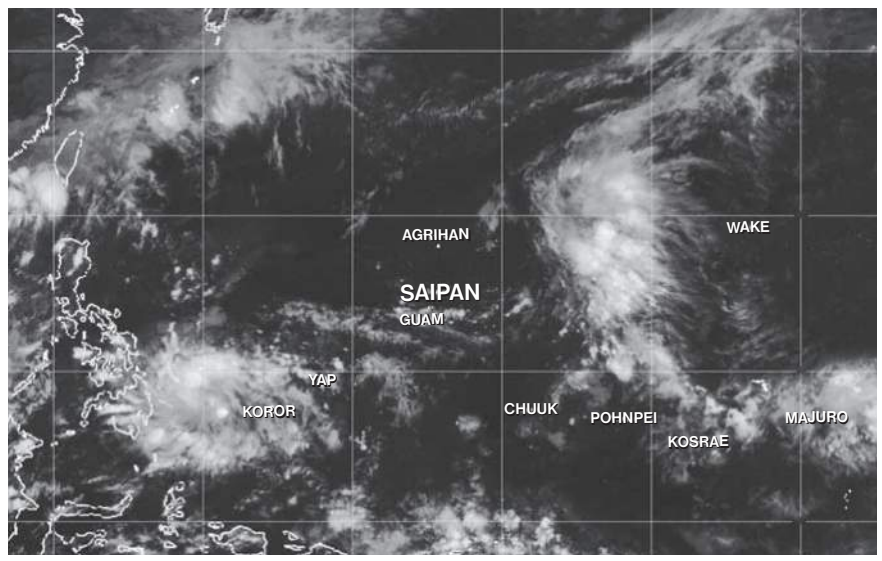
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲65	▼59
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼56
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼76
London	Showers	▲68	▼58
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲80	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼74
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼60
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼60
Paris	Showers	▲64	▼51
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲74	▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲84	▼58
Salem	Showers	▲60	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼59
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲71	▼54
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼63
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲72	▼64

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression 23W is centered east of Mindanao near 8N129E. Convergent low-level winds east of TD23W are producing scattered showers near Yap or within 100 miles of a line from 13N130E to 7N140E. Similar weather is located southwest of Koror or west of a line from 9N132E to 1N136E. For more information on TD23W, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. Converging trade winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Guam within 60 miles of a line from 14N139E to 13N145E. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Saipan near 19N148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present between 18N and 25N from 147E to 158E. A trade-wind trough extends northeastward from 6N161E to 10N164E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring west and north of Kosrae between 5N and 10N from 160E to 166E. Another upper-level low is centered east of Wake Island near 19N179E. A trough extends southwestward from the low to end near Majuro at 8N171E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the low and trough are found within 100 miles of 19N179E and also over Majuro between 6N and 12N from 170E to 179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:43 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
7:21 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:54 PM	5:57 AM
Thursday	6:33 PM	6:45 AM
Friday	7:15 PM	7:34 AM
Saturday	8:00 PM	8:24 AM
Sunday	8:47 PM	9:15 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

Congress takes up China, free trade, jobs bills

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress is embarking on a flurry of votes to show it is trying to do something about creating jobs. The prospects for legislative success, however, are spotty.

One exception is in the area of trade. Congress is expected to approve free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama that have been pending since the presidency of George W. Bush. Supporters of the treaties—the first completed in the Obama administration—say the pacts could boost exports by $13 billion a year and foster tens of thousands of American jobs.

The House takes up the three agreements on Tuesday, along with legislation pushed by Obama and Democrats to help workers displaced by foreign trade. Both chambers could sign off on the measures by Wednesday night.

The Senate on Tuesday evening is also holding a procedural vote on the $447 billion plan to promote job growth, which Obama proposed in a slightly different form a month ago. Republicans appear united in opposition and Democrats, with 53 votes in the Senate, face a difficult task in coming up with the 60 votes needed to keep the bill alive.

AP
Julia Perez participates in a candle light protest on a overpass above the 101 freeway in downtown Los Angeles, Monday, Oct. 10, 2011. The demonstration was organized by "Good Jobs LA" to urge Congress to pass the jobs bill.

The Senate on Tuesday is also expected to pass legislation to impose tariffs on Chinese exports if the Beijing government continues to keep its currency undervalued. Supporters say the measure will make American producers more competitive and bring jobs back home.

The bill enjoys broad bipartisan support from senators who for years have been hearing complaints from constituents blaming unfair competition from China for shuttering U.S. factories and putting Americans out of work. But the bill faces an uncertain future.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, opposes it and may never bring it to the House floor. Obama and the White House, while avoiding a position on the bill, have warned against unilateral action that might violate international trading rules. American companies doing business in China warn that it could spark a trade war.

But with the trade deficit with China hitting $273 billion last year and heading toward $300 billion this year, senators said it was time to get tough.

"If China continues its predatory practices, the future for our children and grandchildren in this country will not be bright," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. who has tried numerous times in past years to slap sanctions on the Chinese.

Economists say China's currency, the yuan, is undervalued by about 25 to 30 percent, and possibly by as much as 40 percent against the dollar. That means that Chinese goods sold in the United States have a 25 to 30 percent price advantage, and U.S. goods exported to China face a disadvantage of that same amount.

The Fair Currency Coalition, a group pushing for changes in China's exchange rate, gives the example of a steel mill that might cost 4 billion yuan to build in China. It says that at an equitable currency rate that would mean a price tag of about $900 million, but at current rates it would cost only $600 million, creating a bigger incentive to abandon factories at home and relocate.

Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown, whose state of Ohio has been hit hard by Chinese competition, cited a tool and die shop in Brunswick, Ohio, that was about to sign a $1 million contract until the Chinese came in at the last moment with a bid 20 percent lower.

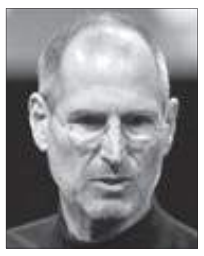
Jobs death caused by respiratory arrest, cancer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A copy of Steve Jobs' death certificate made public Monday indicates that the Apple Inc. cofounder died of respiratory arrest resulting from pancreatic cancer that had spread to other organs.

Jobs died last Wednesday at age 56. Apple did not disclose his cause of death, but Jobs had been in poor health for a number of years.

He battled pancreatic cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January—his third since his health problems began—and resigned in August, handing the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

The death certificate, released by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and obtained by The Associated Press, said Jobs had a metastatic pancreas neuroendocrine tumor for the past five years. It listed his immediate cause of death as respiratory arrest.


Jobs

He died at his home in Palo Alto. No autopsy was performed, and he was buried on Friday. Details of the certificate were reported earlier by Bloomberg News.

The certificate listed Jobs' occupation as a high-tech entrepreneur. Jobs started Apple Inc. in his parents' Silicon Valley garage with friend Steve Wozniak in 1976. Both men left Apple in 1985—Jobs following a clash with then-CEO John Sculley.

Jobs returned in 1997 as interim CEO after Apple, then in dire financial dire straits, bought Next, a computer company he started. That was the start of Apple's remarkable turnaround, which continues today with the popularity of products such as the iPhone, iPod and iPad.

Jobs died the day after Apple announced its latest iPhone, the 4S, which will go on sale Friday. Some fans and investors were initially disappointed that Apple didn't come out with a smartphone that is radically different from the existing iPhone 4. But Apple said first-day preorders of the device on Friday topped 1 million—higher than the record set by the iPhone 4 when it was released last year.

Apple employees will hold a memorial service to celebrate Jobs' life on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. at the company's Cupertino, Calif., campus, according to an email sent out by Cook. An Apple spokesman said that the company will not be holding any public services.

After long wait, Facebook releases iPad app

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the big, enduring questions of the technology world: "When will iPad users get their very own Facebook app?"

That question was answered Monday, as Facebook released an updated version of its iPhone application, one that's also designed to fill out the larger screen of the iPad.

The lack of an iPad app for the most popular social network in the world has confounded users, ever since Apple launched its tablet computer a year and a half ago. Third-party developers have made money selling their own apps that show Facebook pages.

Bret Taylor, the chief technology officer of Facebook, said in an interview Monday that "We're releasing it now because it's done."

Two weeks ago, Facebook engineer Jeff Verkoeyen announced on his personal blog that he was leaving to take a job with Google, and that the iPad app he had worked on was nearly complete in May. It was then "repeatedly delayed through the summer," he said, without revealing exactly why.

Rumors have swirled that Apple and Facebook were in talks about deepening the integration of the social network into the system software of the iPhone and iPad. But Apple's updated system software, announced this summer, will feature integration with Twitter, another social networking service, rather than Facebook. That will make it easier to "tweet" from other applications besides Twitter's.

Like the previous Facebook app for the iPhone, the new "universal" iPhone and iPad app is free.

The updated Facebook app deals with one shortcoming of the old iPhone app, which didn't play well with apps developed for Facebook's website, including popular games like "Words with Friends": They simply weren't available.

In the new iPhone and iPad app, some applications developed for Facebook will work.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Deficit 'supercommittee' struggles as clock ticks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The supercommittee is struggling. After weeks of secret meetings, the 12-member deficit-cutting panel established under last summer's budget and debt deal appears no closer to a breakthrough than when talks began last month. While the panel members themselves aren't doing much talking, other lawmakers, aides and lobbyists closely tracking the committee are increasingly skeptical, even pessimistic, that the panel will be able to meet its assigned goal of at least $1.2 trillion in deficit savings over the next 10 years. The reason? A familiar deadlock over taxes and cuts to major programs like Medicare and the Medicaid health care program for the poor and disabled.

China imposes nationwide tax on energy, resources

BEIJING (AP)—China is imposing a nationwide tax on production of oil and other resources to raise money for poor areas and possibly ease public anger at the wealth of state energy and mining companies. The measure announced Monday is aimed at generating revenue for poor areas that produce much of China's oil and other resources but receive little of the wealth. That imbalance has fueled ethnic tensions in Tibet and the northwestern Muslim region of Xinjiang. The tax takes effect Nov. 1 and applies to crude oil, natural gas, rare earths, salt and metals, the Cabinet said on its website. Oil and gas will be taxed at 5 to 10 percent of sales value while other resources will be taxed at different levels.

Oil above $85 amid hope for EU debt crisis plan

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above $85 a barrel Tuesday in Asia, pausing after gains of 13 percent over the past week that were fueled by hopes Europe will contain its debt crisis and avoid a global recession. Benchmark crude for November delivery was down 11 cents at $85.30 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $2.43 to settle at $85.41 in New York on Monday. Brent crude was down 12 cents at $108.83 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,433.20	1,194.89	2,566.05
330.06	39.43	86.70
2.97%	3.41%	3.50%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0018	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7815	Philippine Peso	43.2800
British Pound	0.6395	Indian Rupee	48.9050	Singapore Dollar	1.2776
Canadian Dollar	1.0288	Indonesian Rupiah	8,925.0	South Korean Won	1,159.845
Chinese Yuan	6.3625	Japanese Yen	76.6750	Swiss Franc	0.9042
Euro	0.7323	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1175	Taiwan Dollar	30.3055
		New Zealand Dollar	1.2766	Thailand Baht	30.8850

Nation

Mormons beliefs once again under attack

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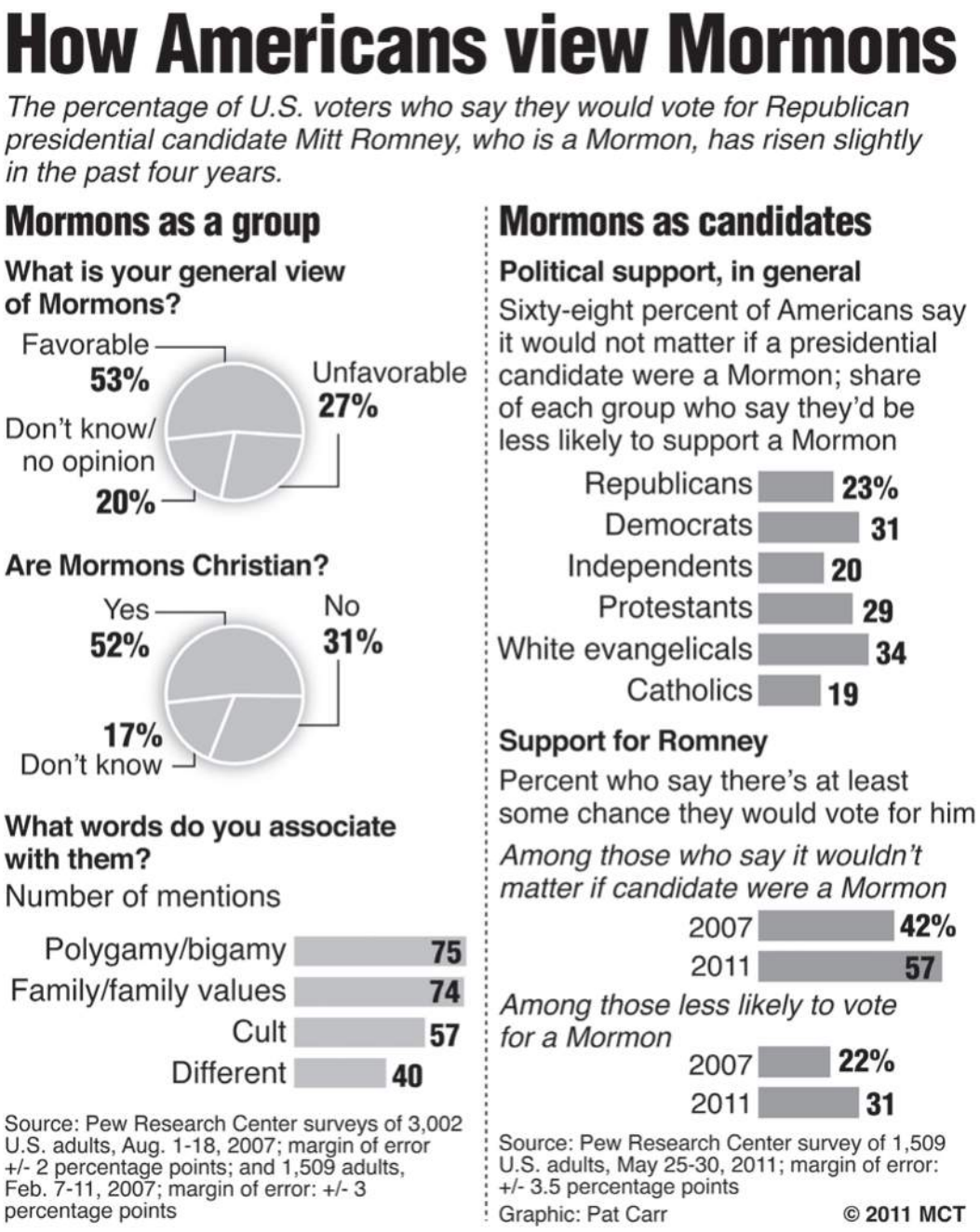
How Americans view Mormons
The percentage of U.S. voters who say they would vote for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who is a Mormon, has risen slightly in the past four years.
Mormons as a group
What is your general view of Mormons?
Favorable 53%
Unfavorable 27%
Don't know/ no opinion 20%
Are Mormons Christian?
Yes 52%
No 31%
17% Don't know
What words do you associate with them?
Number of mentions
Polygamy/bigamy 75
Family/family values 74
Cult 57
Different 40
Source: Pew Research Center surveys of 3,002 U.S. adults, Aug. 1-18, 2007; margin of error +/- 2 percentage points; and 1,509 adults, Feb. 7-11, 2007; margin of error: +/- 3 percentage points
Mormons as candidates
Political support, in general
Sixty-eight percent of Americans say it would not matter if a presidential candidate were a Mormon; share of each group who say they'd be less likely to support a Mormon
Republicans 23%
Democrats 31
Independents 20
Protestants 29
White evangelicals 34
Catholics 19
Support for Romney
Percent who say there's at least some chance they would vote for him
Among those who say it wouldn't matter if candidate were a Mormon
2007 42%
2011 57
Among those less likely to vote for a Mormon
2007 22%
2011 31
Source: Pew Research Center survey of 1,509 U.S. adults, May 25-30, 2011; margin of error: +/- 3.5 percentage points
Graphic: Pat Carr
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When one of Texas Gov. Rick Perry's supporters publicly denounced the faith of Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman as a non-Christian cult, he was just the latest in a long line of people who have damned Mormonism.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has struggled for acceptance ever since its founder, Joseph Smith, said in the 19th century that God told him to restore the true Christian church by revising parts of the Bible and adding the Book of Mormon as a sacred text.

Many conservative Christians, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, feel they have a religious obligation to point out any teaching they believe would lead others astray and risk their salvation. While this theological debate has often been far from polite, the attacks have sharpened as the LDS church has gained in size and prominence. The church now says it has grown by about 1 million people every three years since the 1970s and now has than 14 million members.

"It's no accident that this comes at a time when two of the candidates for president are Mormon," said Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in California, who is part of a group of evangelical and Mormon scholars who have been meeting to discuss theology since 1994. "People who seem to have a vested interest in ensuring that others see Mormonism as a cult see this as an opportunity to make their case and stir up anti-Mormon sentiment."

The issue flared last Friday at the Values Voter Summit, a conservative forum in Washington. The Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Dallas, introduced Texas Gov. Rick Perry and then told reporters that Romney was "not a Christian" and Mormonism is a "cult." From his pulpit Sunday, Jeffress stood by his remarks.

"Part of a pastor's job is to warn his people and others about false religions," said Jeffress, who has personally endorsed Perry in the Republican presidential race. "Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Mormonism are all false religions."

Worshippers in the sanctuary applauded.

Romney did not directly respond to Jeffress but denounced "poisonous language" about faith. Huntsman, interviewed on CNN on Monday, described Jeffress as a "moron." Perry said he does not consider the LDS church a cult.

A spokesman for the church in Salt Lake City directed reporters Monday to the church website Mormon.org, where leaders posted extensive information about their beliefs in anticipation of a backlash. When Romney first ran for the presidential nomination in 2008, the church was besieged by critics; Romney felt compelled to give a major speech about his faith in which he promised that no church authorities would influence his decision-making.

From the beginning, Mormons have seen themselves as Christians—but Christians who are different.

Smith became Mormonism's founding prophet during the religious revivals of the Second Great Awakening. Smith said he had experienced visions during the late 1820s in which he was told not to join any church because they all held wrong beliefs. An angel then directed him to gold plates that had been buried in the ground in upstate New York, which Smith then translated as the Book of Mormon.

Like traditional Christians, Mormons consider the Bible sacred and view Jesus as savior. However, Mormons do not share the concept of a unified Trinity that is part of historical Christianity. They believe that God has called new apostles and prophets and that revelation continues as it did in ancient times, which does not conform to mainstream Christianity. The LDS church also teaches that God has a physical body and that human beings can eventually become like God.

But for conservative Protestants, the Bible alone is the authoritative word of God and the innovations of Mormon teaching are heresy. They do not recognize baptisms by the Mormon church and decry the secrecy surrounding some of its sacraments. Only church members in good standing can enter Mormon temples, where families are sealed, or united, so their relationships can continue in the afterlife.

Seattle 'superhero' arrested, accused of assault

SEATTLE (AP)—Instead of the bad guys, it was Seattle's most prolific self-styled superhero that ended up in handcuffs.

Police officers arrested the 23-year-old man who calls himself Phoenix Jones early Sunday after he was accused of assaulting several people with pepper spray. He was booked in county jail on four counts of assault, with arraignment set for Thursday, police said Monday.

"Our message has been the same from the beginning, if you see something that warrants calling 911, call 911," said Seattle police spokesman Det. Mark Jamieson. "Just because he's dressed up in costume, it doesn't mean he's in special consideration or above the law. You can't go around pepper spraying people because you think they are fighting."

AP
This Feb. 18, 2011 file photo shows Seattle superhero Phoenix Jones during a patrol of Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.

But Jones, who wears a black mask with yellow stripes and a bulging muscle bodysuit, said he was only trying to stop a street brawl.

In capital letters, Jones wrote on his Facebook page to say he wouldn't "ever assault or hurt another person if they were not causing harm to another human being." He also released a video shot during the alleged assault.

The often shaky video shows Jones and his sidekick, known as Ghost, running toward a group of people. Jones said there was a fight in the group. Police said there's no indication there was a fight.

The footage goes on to show Jones breaking up the group. Then a woman screams at him, hitting him with her high-heel shoes. Jones appears to be holding his pepper spray canister. Moments later a BMW car appears and speeds away on the street, almost hitting an unidentified man. Jones chases after the car to get the license number. A person with Jones is heard calling 911 to report a hit-and-run.

Jones and his followers then approach the rest of the group down the block. A woman screams at them to "stay away." Another woman runs up to Jones and hits him, screaming at him, "You sprayed (expletive) pepper spray in my eye!"

Two men in the group approach Jones, who then appears to pepper spray them.

ACROSS THE NATION

NYPD costs rise as Wall Street protests continue

NEW YORK (AP)—As the protest on Wall Street enters its fourth week, police officers are keeping their posts around the perimeter of the park at the center of it all. And with no end in sight, the cost of constant police surveillance will continue to rise at a time when Mayor Michael Bloomberg has ordered citywide budget cuts. The New York Police Department already has spent $1.9 million, mostly in overtime pay, to patrol the area near Zuccotti Park, where hundreds of protesters have camped out for several weeks. Though cold weather is on the way in, protesters don't plan on leaving anytime soon. They're prepared to stay put for the long haul. "The bottom line is that people want to express themselves, and as long as they obey the laws, we allow them to," Bloomberg told reporters Monday when asked about the protesters' staying power. "If they break the laws, then we're going to do what we're supposed to do—enforce the laws."

7 survive 20 hours at sea clinging to boat, cooler

MARATHON, Fla. (AP)—Four hours into a family fishing trip, rough waves flipped a 22-foot boat off the Florida Keys, tossing eight people overboard. Seven of them, including a 4-year-old girl, survived by clinging desperately to their capsized vessel and a small blue cooler for almost 20 hours, suffering exhaustion, jellyfish stings and hypothermia. A 79-year-old woman, the matriarch of the group, was missing and presumed drowned. "When the will to live kicks in, human beings can do amazing things," Coast Guard Petty Officer Nick Ameen said. Those rescued were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Woman gives birth after running Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO (AP)—Amber Miller felt contractions just minutes after crossing the finish line at the Chicago Marathon. A few hours later, the suburban Chicago woman—who slogged her way through 26.2 miles while nearly 39 weeks pregnant—delivered a healthy baby girl. "For me, it wasn't anything out of the ordinary. I was running up until that point anyway," Miller told The Associated Press in an interview from the hospital where she was recovering Monday. "I am crazy about running." Sunday's marathon was the eighth for the 27-year-old, who has been running for more than a dozen years. She found out she was pregnant with her second child days after signing up for the Chicago race and decided to play it by ear on whether or not she would run.

Asia

China's Hu urges unification with rival Taiwan

BEIJING (AP)—China's president on Sunday used the centennial of a revolution that ended imperial rule to make an appeal to further relations with Taiwan, saying they should move beyond the history that divides them and focus on common economic and cultural interests.

At a ceremony in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, Hu Jintao said that China and Taiwan should end antagonisms, "heal wounds of the past and work together to achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

"Achieving reunification by peaceful means best serves the fundamental interests of all Chinese, including our Taiwan compatriots," Hu said, adding that the sides should increase economic competitiveness, promote Chinese culture and build on a sense of a common national identity.

President Hu has sought to move beyond the threatening rhetoric that long characterized Beijing's response to Taiwan's refusal to unify with the mainland. His government has talked of ending the state of hostility with Taiwan.

Tensions have also eased as Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou facilitated several trade agreements linking Taiwan's high-tech economy to China's lucrative markets.

On Sunday, a large portrait of the founding father of modern China, Sun Yat-Sen, hung over the stage on which sat current and former top leaders of China including the retired President Jiang Zemin, who made a rare public appearance months after speculation that he was close to death.

The ceremony in Beijing marks the Oct. 10, 1911, armed uprising led by rebels associated with revolutionary leader Sun on a Qing dynasty garrison. The attack set in motion events that led to the overthrow of imperial rule and raised hopes that China could emerge from a century and a half of national humiliation it had endured at the hands of foreign powers.

The Republic of China was established 2 1/2 months later, but its government fled in disarray to Taiwan in 1949 following the victory of Mao Zedong's Communists over Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in the Chinese civil war.

China regards Taiwan as part of its territory and threatens to invade should it seek formal independence.

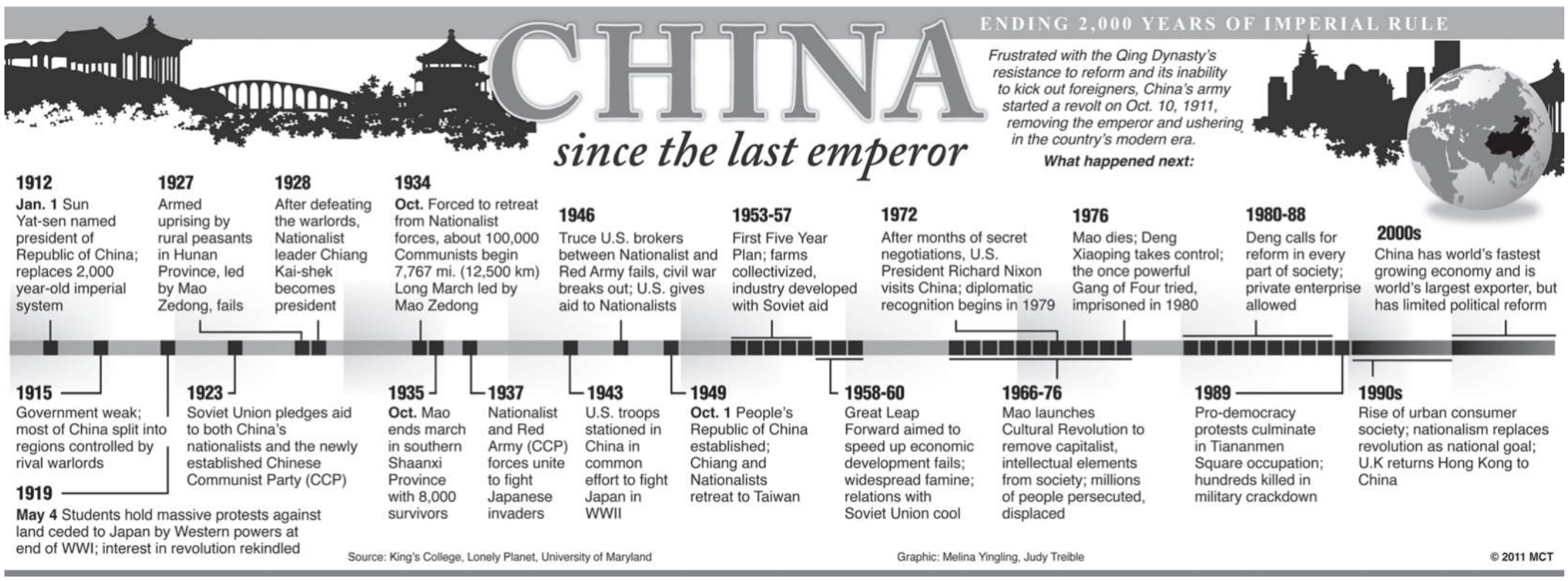
In his speech, Hu said Sun was "a great national hero, a great patriot and a great leader of the Chinese democratic revolution." He also said the Communist Party is the "core power" that drives China's success.

Also onstage was the 85-year-old former president Jiang, who was dressed in a dark blue suit and red tie and wore his signature large, square-rimmed glasses. His hair was slicked back as usual but was obviously thinning, and he appeared at times to be tired as he sat listening to speeches with his hands on the table in front of him.

Jiang's failure to appear at a celebration of the 90th anniversary of the ruling Communist Party's founding in July sparked intense online speculation that he had died. While the rumors were suppressed on the mainland, they were widely reported in Hong Kong, the semiautonomous Chinese territory that's promised Western-style civil liberties, including freedom of speech.

The Chinese government dismissed such reports as rumor. Beijing is very secretive about the health of top leaders and is particularly sensitive ahead of a leadership transition that starts late next year at a major Communist Party congress.

The death of Jiang, a retired but still very influential figure, could cause some of his proteges to shift allegiances, affecting the jockeying for power among China's rising political elites.


CHINA
since the last emperor
ENDING 2,000 YEARS OF IMPERIAL RULE
Frustrated with the Qing Dynasty's resistance to reform and its inability to kick out foreigners, China's army started a revolt on Oct. 10, 1911, removing the emperor and ushering in the country's modern era.
What happened next:
1912 Jan. 1 Sun Yat-sen named president of Republic of China; replaces 2,000 year-old imperial system
1915 Government weak; most of China split into regions controlled by rival warlords
1919 May 4 Students hold massive protests against land ceded to Japan by Western powers at end of WWI; interest in revolution rekindled
1923 Soviet Union pledges aid to both China's nationalists and the newly established Chinese Communist Party (CCP)
1927 Armed uprising by rural peasants in Hunan Province, led by Mao Zedong, fails
1928 After defeating the warlords, Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek becomes president
1934 Oct. Forced to retreat from Nationalist forces, about 100,000 Communists begin 7,767 mi. (12,500 km) Long March led by Mao Zedong
1935 Oct. Mao ends march in southern Shaanxi Province with 8,000 survivors
1937 Nationalist and Red Army (CCP) forces unite to fight Japanese invaders
1943 U.S. troops stationed in China in common effort to fight Japan in WWII
1946 Truce U.S. brokers between Nationalist and Red Army fails, civil war breaks out; U.S. gives aid to Nationalists
1949 Oct. 1 People's Republic of China established; Chiang and Nationalists retreat to Taiwan
1953-57 First Five Year Plan; farms collectivized, industry developed with Soviet aid
1958-60 Great Leap Forward aimed to speed up economic development fails; widespread famine; relations with Soviet Union cool
1966-76 Mao launches Cultural Revolution to remove capitalist, intellectual elements from society; millions of people persecuted, displaced
1972 After months of secret negotiations, U.S. President Richard Nixon visits China; diplomatic recognition begins in 1979
1976 Mao dies; Deng Xiaoping takes control; the once powerful Gang of Four tried, imprisoned in 1980
1980-88 Deng calls for reform in every part of society; private enterprise allowed
1989 Pro-democracy protests culminate in Tiananmen Square occupation; hundreds killed in military crackdown
1990s Rise of urban consumer society; nationalism replaces revolution as national goal; U.K returns Hong Kong to China
2000s China has world's fastest growing economy and is world's largest exporter, but has limited political reform
Source: King's College, Lonely Planet, University of Maryland
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Taiwan urges China to respect freedom on centenary

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou urged China's government on Monday to pursue democracy and respect his island's self-governance as the two sides mark the centennial of a revolution that ended 2,000 years of imperial Chinese rule.

Both Taiwan and China—which split amid civil war in 1949—commemorate the Oct. 10, 1911, start of an uprising against the Qing dynasty as a seminal event, and both have sought to use the centennial as an opportunity for dialogue.

But Taiwanese authorities have rejected suggestions to jointly host events, fearing that Beijing will use them to highlight its "one-China principle" that places the island under mainland rule.

On the eve of the centenary, Chinese President Hu Jintao made an appeal in Beijing for the two sides to move beyond the history that divides them and work together to achieve a peaceful reunification. Taiwanese are wary of those calls, fearing they may lose their freedoms and democracy if they are reunited.

At a ceremony in front of the presidential office building, Ma said the Beijing government "must not forget the ideals of our founding father and should move boldly toward freedom, democracy and the fair distribution of wealth."

His brief speech was followed by an hourlong arms display in which jet fighters flew in ranks over the spacious square and tanks and missile-carrying trucks rumbled past. Pilots in red jumpsuits parachuted from helicopters in front of Ma.

China's centenary commemorations have had clear political and nationalistic undertones, but Taiwanese public interest in the event has been lukewarm. Most Taiwanese don't want to come under China's control, and don't see the events of 100 years ago as particularly relevant to their future.

The ceremony marks the centennial of an armed uprising led by rebels associated with revolutionary leader Sun Yat-sen on a Qing dynasty garrison. The attack set in motion events that led to the overthrow of imperial rule and raised hopes that China could emerge from more than a century of national humiliation at the hands of foreign powers.

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Under Ma's initiative, Taiwan has moved closer to China economically but has refused any political dialogue to settle the island's future.

China's president said Sunday that the two sides should work together to achieve the "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation."

"Achieving reunification by peaceful means best serves the fundamental interests of all Chinese, including our Taiwan compatriots," Hu said.

Ma did not respond to Hu's call, but instead urged China to "respect history and recognize the existence of the Republic of China."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Senior US diplomat sees change afoot in Myanmar

BANGKOK (AP)—A senior U.S. diplomat said Monday that Washington will respond with reciprocal measures to moves by Myanmar's military-backed government to become freer and more democratic. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt M. Campbell said elections that brought a civilian government to power in March were flawed and the United States still has many concerns about issues in Myanmar, "but it is also undeniably the case that there are dramatic developments under way." Campbell, speaking at a lecture in the Thai capital, Bangkok, cited a "very consequential dialogue" between new President Thein Sein and democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi as a major positive development.

Abu Sayyaf gunmen suspected in 2 Philippine blasts

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants are among the key suspects in two bombings that wounded 11 people in a cockfighting arena and a budget hotel in a southern Philippine city, where security has been tightened for an annual Roman Catholic festival, officials said Monday. Police Senior Superintendent Edwin de Ocampo said an initial investigation showed the design of the bombs that were detonated almost simultaneously by cellphone Sunday in Zamboanga city was similar to those used by the Abu Sayyaf in two previous attacks in the city and nearby Basilan island.

NKorea notches up cult around 'Illustrious' son

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—The Illustrious General has had a busy year. Since making his international debut a year ago Monday, Kim Jong Un has been serving as military strategist, political statesman and trusted deputy to his father, leader Kim Jong Il. The newly minted four-star general, believed in his late 20s, is widely credited at home with orchestrating a deadly artillery attack on a front-line South Korean island that nearly brought the foes to the brink of another war. He appears regularly with his father at marquee events and accompanies him on inspection trips to farms and factories—visits now commemorated with plaques bearing his name.

World

Egypt's military vows to get tough after clashes

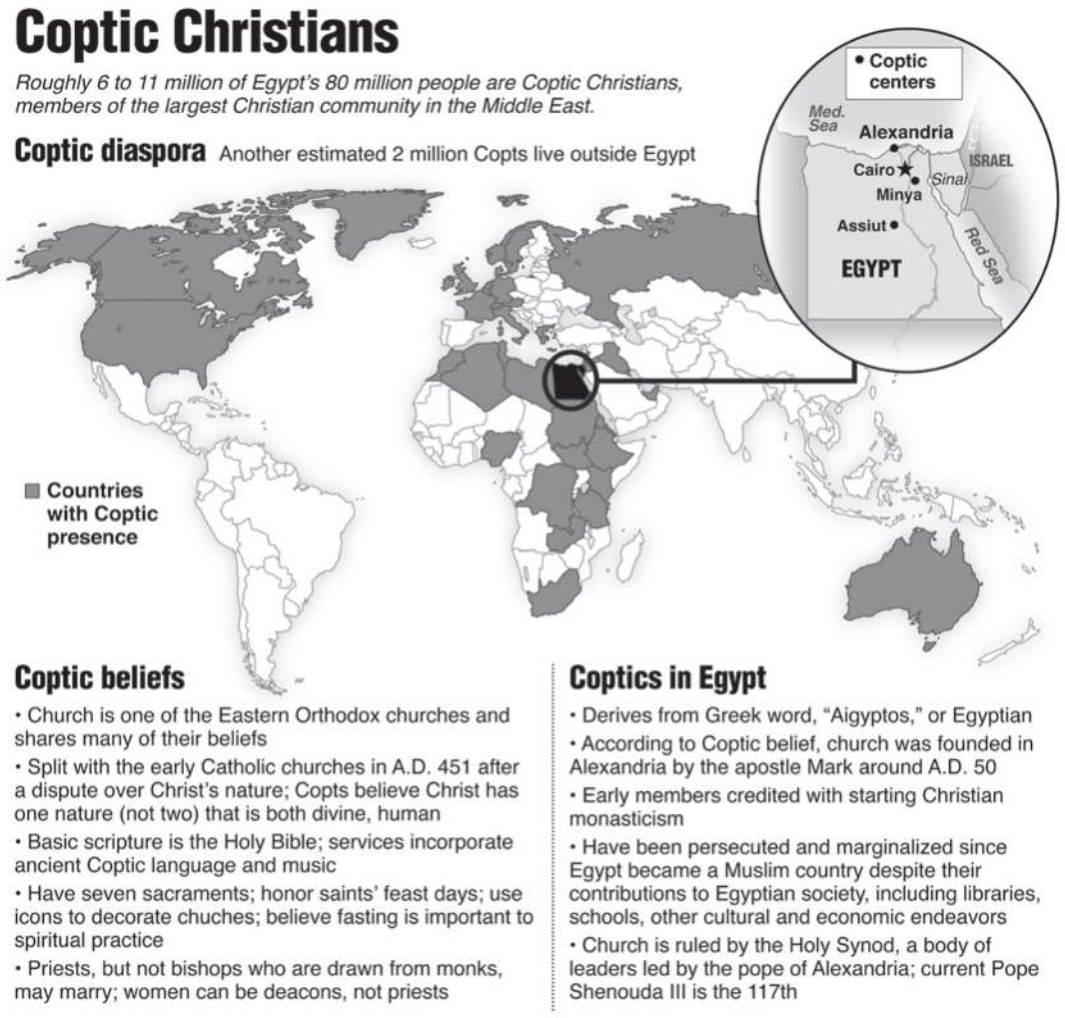
CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's ruling military on Monday condemned a surge in deadly violence as an attempt to undermine the state, and warned it will act to safeguard the peace following a night of clashes that drew in Christians, Muslims and security forces.

The generals' strong words signaled the governing military council will tighten its grip on power, further infuriating activists who have demanded an end to army rule and a transition to democracy.

Egypt's Coptic church harshly criticized the government for its actions in crushing the protests and accused it of allowing repeated attacks on Christians to go unpunished.

The clashes Sunday night were the worst sectarian violence since the uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak eight months ago. The riots laid bare the volatility of Egyptian society a month before the start of parliamentary elections that will help define the country's future political landscape.

In a statement, the Coptic Church, which represents about 10 percent of Egypt's 85 million people, accused security forces of failing to stop anti-Christian agitators from turning what started out as a peaceful protest against church attacks into a sectarian riot in which at least 26 people, mostly Christians, were killed.


Coptic Christians
Roughly 6 to 11 million of Egypt's 80 million people are Coptic Christians, members of the largest Christian community in the Middle East.
Coptic diaspora Another estimated 2 million Copts live outside Egypt
Coptic centers
Med. Sea
Alexandria
Cairo
Minya
Assiut
Sinai
ISRAEL
EGYPT
Red Sea
Countries with Coptic presence
Coptic beliefs
• Church is one of the Eastern Orthodox churches and shares many of their beliefs
• Split with the early Catholic churches in A.D. 451 after a dispute over Christ's nature; Copts believe Christ has one nature (not two) that is both divine, human
• Basic scripture is the Holy Bible; services incorporate ancient Coptic language and music
• Have seven sacraments; honor saints' feast days; use icons to decorate chuches; believe fasting is important to spiritual practice
• Priests, but not bishops who are drawn from monks, may marry; women can be deacons, not priests
Coptics in Egypt
• Derives from Greek word, "Aigyptos," or Egyptian
• According to Coptic belief, church was founded in Alexandria by the apostle Mark around A.D. 50
• Early members credited with starting Christian monasticism
• Have been persecuted and marginalized since Egypt became a Muslim country despite their contributions to Egyptian society, including libraries, schools, other cultural and economic endeavors
• Church is ruled by the Holy Synod, a body of leaders led by the pope of Alexandria; current Pope Shenouda III is the 117th
Source: The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Carnegie Middle East Center, Encyclopedia Coptica, BBC, MCT Photo Service
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"Strangers got in the middle of our sons and committed mistakes to be blamed on our sons," the church said in a statement issued after its spiritual leader, Pope Shenouda III, met with 70 bishops.

"The Copts feel that problems are repeated and the perpetrators go unpunished."

The statement reflected the growing fears of Egypt's Copts, the largest Christian community in the Middle East, at a time when a security vacuum has left them vulnerable to a growing Islamist movement in the post-Mubarak era.

The military, which activists blamed for not doing enough to protect the Christian protesters, issued a stern warning that it intended to crack down hard on future protests.

In a statement, the military council said it will take the "necessary precautions to stabilize security" and use the full weight of the law to prosecute individuals involved in violence, whether by participation or incitement.

In an apparent response to concerns it will use the violence as an excuse to prolong its rule, the council pledged to make good on its promise to hand over power.

Many activists say the generals are likely to take advantage of the nation's tenuous security to stay in power long enough to find a candidate they approve of to run for the presidency.

A timetable floated by the military has slated presidential elections for late next year. If that holds true, then the military will have been in power for almost two years before it steps down.

"We all know that the military council is trying to sow religious strife to stay in power and extend emergency law," said Maha Adel Qasim, a 28-year-old Muslim wearing a head scarf who joined Christians demonstrating outside a hospital where victims' bodies were taken.

"We want international protection," screamed Walid Romani, a Christian, as others outside the hospital chanted for Egypt's military ruler, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, to step down.

"The army incites sedition to remain in power," declared Mariam Ayoub, a relative of a slain Christian protester, Michael Mosaad. "They tell all of us that this is what happens without emergency laws."

Sunday's clashes, which raged over a large section of downtown Cairo, began when about 1,000 Christians tried to stage a peaceful sit-in outside the state television building. The protesters said they were attacked by "thugs" with sticks and the violence spiraled out of control after a speeding military vehicle jumped onto a sidewalk and crushed some Christians.

The attack on Christians swelled after state television called on viewers to rush to the army's rescue, casting the Christians as a mob seeking to undermine unity between the people and the military.

The crowd grew to 10,000, and many Christians were set upon by bands of young Muslim men armed with sticks, swords, firebombs and firearms. The assailants later roamed the streets looking for Christians to beat up. In some cases, they pulled men and women suspected of being Christian out of taxis and private cars.

2 Americans win Nobel Prize in economics

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP)—Christopher Sims and Thomas Sargent have no simple solutions to the global economic crisis. But the work that won them the Nobel Prize in economics Monday is guiding central bankers and policymakers in their search for answers.

The two Americans, both 68, were honored for their research in the 1970s and `80s on the cause-and-effect relationship between the economy and government policy.

Sims is a professor at Princeton University. Sargent teaches at New York University and is a visiting professor at Princeton.

Among their achievements, the two Nobel laureates—working separately for the most part over the years—devised tools to analyze how changes in interest rates and taxes affect growth and inflation.

Their work doesn't provide prescriptions for policymakers to solve today's crises. Rather, their achievement has been to create mathematical models that central bankers and other leaders can use to devise policy proposals.

"We're just bookish types that look at numbers and try to figure out what's going on," Sargent said in an interview on the Nobel website.

Nobel Prize in economics
Thomas Sargent and Christopher Sims, U.S., share the 2011 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their research on cause and effect in the macroeconomy.
Recent recipients
2010 Peter Diamond, Dale Mortensen, U.S., and Christopher Pissarides, U.K. and Cyprus, for their analysis of how the job market is affected by regulation and economic policy
2009 Elinor Ostrom and Oliver E. Williamson, U.S., for their analysis of economic governance
2008 Paul Krugman, U.S., for his analysis of trade patterns and location of economic activity
2007 Leonid Hurwicz, Eric S. Maskin, Roger B. Myerson, all U.S., for having laid the foundations of mechanism design theory
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Source: The Nobel Foundation

Sims said he had no surefire advice to offer policymakers in the U.S. and Europe: "If I had a simple answer, I would have been spreading it around the world."

Still, Sims said, "I think the methods that I have used and Tom has developed are central to finding our way out of this mess. ... I think they point a way to try to unravel why our serious problems develop, and new research using these methods may help us lead us out of it."

Sargent and Sims have been friends since the 1960s, when both were Harvard graduate students. They later taught at the same time at the University of Minnesota. This semester, they are teaching a graduate-level macroeconomics course together at Princeton.

Their awards extend Americans' dominance in the Nobel economics category. Thirteen of the 15 most recent winners of the prize in economics have been Americans.

Robert Lucas, a University of Chicago economist who won the Nobel in 1995, said the work of Sargent and Sims is timely now that policymakers are debating whether to do something to stimulate the U.S. economy.

"We want to know what happens if we do it, what happens if we don't, what are the long-term consequences," he said. Sargent and Sims "got their hands dirty, using data, trying to forecast, trying to see what works, what doesn't."

In its citation, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Sargent showed how statistical models could help analyze how households and companies adjust their expectations as conditions and policies shift.

Using such models, for example, Sargent argued in 1981 that public expectations were crucial to combating high inflation. At the time, many economists assumed it would take many months, even years, of high interest rates to reduce inflation.

But Sargent argued that inflation could be tamed much faster if central banks acted decisively to dispel public expectations that prices would continue to rise rapidly.

That's basically what happened shortly afterward: Paul Volcker, then the Federal Reserve chairman, shattered inflation expectations by raising rates sharply and quickly. Expectations of inflation, it turned out, were even more important than inflation itself in shaping economic behavior.

Economists are at a disadvantage compared with researchers in many other fields. They can't experiment on economies the way scientists experiment with laboratory rats or chemicals.

"We've got to glean it from the information that's out there," said Art Rolnick, former director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

WORLD BRIEFS

Libyan official: Gadhafi hiding in southern desert

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—An official on Libya's governing council said Monday that he believes Moammar Gadhafi is hiding in the southwestern desert near the borders with Niger and Algeria, but denied allegations that the Tuareg minority ethnic group is protecting the fugitive leader. Moussa al-Kouni, who is a Tuareg representative on the revolution's leadership body, claimed Gadhafi had sent his son Khamis to the area to set up a radio station and make preparations for a possible escape route two months before Tripoli fell to revolutionary forces in late August. Al-Kouni provided no evidence, saying he based his assertion on the fact that the Gadhafi regime had used the area before because it has rough terrain and porous borders that would make detection difficult. He also pointed out that Gadhafi had cultivated close ties with the Niger government and could even be going back and forth across the border.

Al-Qaida confirms killing of US-born cleric

CAIRO (AP)—Al-Qaida's Yemeni offshoot on Monday confirmed the killing of U.S.-born militant cleric Anwar al-Awlaki late last month and vowed to avenge the prominent propagandist's death. The 40-year-old al-Awlaki, who died in a Sept. 30 U.S. drone strike in the mountains of Yemen, was the most prominent al-Qaida figure to be killed since Osama bin Laden's death in a U.S. raid in Pakistan in May. He had been in the U.S. crosshairs since his killing was approved by President Barack Obama in April 2010—making him the first American placed on the CIA "kill or capture" list. On Monday, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula said in a statement posted on Islamist extremist websites that al-Awlaki was killed by an American airstrike, along with three other militants, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist websites. AQAP, which has become the most active al-Qaida branch in recent years, vowed to strike back.

Focus

Illegal students face obstacles even after college

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—When Rhode Island became the 13th state to allow in-state tuition for illegal immigrants at public colleges, supporters heralded the move as one that would give students the kind of advanced education they need to succeed in the workforce.

But students who are not here legally may still face a major obstacle even with the benefit of a college degree: Many have no immediate pathway to legal status and, under current federal immigration law, employers cannot legally hire them.

"I know of students who have graduated magna cum laude and top honors in their colleges, but right now they're working minimum wage in restaurants," said Antonio Albizures-Lopez, 20, who came to the U.S. from Guatemala when he was 1.

Albizures-Lopez, who is pursuing legal residency, says the best solution is passage of federal legislation, known as the DREAM Act, which provides a pathway to legal residency for college students.

The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, which oversees the state's three public higher education institutions, unanimously approved in-state tuition for illegal immigrants last week, effective in the fall of 2012. The General Assembly had failed repeatedly to take action on legislation that's been introduced year after year.

Eleven states—California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Utah and Washington—have laws allowing the children of illegal immigrants to receive in-state rates if they meet certain requirements, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Oklahoma allows in-state tuition for the children of illegal immigrants under a state Board of Regents policy.

AP

In this Sept. 26, 2011 photo, college student Jasmine Oliver, of Warwick, R.I., top left, and Javier Gonzalez, of Pawtucket, R.I., top right, display a banner and shout their support for allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition rates while attending public colleges in the state, during a Board of Governors of Higher Education meeting on the campus of the Community College of Rhode Island, in Warwick, R.I.

Gov. Lincoln Chafee, in urging the Board of Governors to adopt the change, said it would allow more Rhode Islanders to attend college, help build a stronger workforce and boost an economy that is among the nation's most troubled.

Research varies on how much resident tuition rates for illegal immigrants increase enrollment. A 2010 paper co-written by Aimee Chinn, an economist at the University of Houston, did not find a sizable increase overall for 18- to -24-year-olds in the 10 states studied, though it did find that Mexican men in their 20s attended at modestly higher rates. It also found that even in-state tuition may still be too expensive, especially since illegal immigrant students do not qualify for federal education aid.

Don't get math? Researchers are homing in on the brain's problem

By SHARON NOGUCHI
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Can't calculate a tip or even balance your checkbook?

Take heart; maybe you can blame your brain—specifically, the parietal cortex in the top back part of the head. And it could be a problem that has roots not in a failed arithmetic or "new math" lesson, but even earlier.

Recent findings indicate that how well 3-year-olds estimate quantities predicts their math ability in elementary school. Another study funded by the National Institutes of Health showed that the innate capacity to estimate is impaired in children who have a math learning disability.

The findings are so new that there's no widely accepted way to diagnose what's known as dyscalculia (dis-cal-KOO-lia), nor any set strategies for coping with it—even though 5 percent to 8 percent of the population is thought so suffer from math learning disability. Consider it the mathematical partner to dyslexia, which impairs reading ability.

But while researchers have explored causes of dyslexia and developed strategies for compensating, the study of dyscalculia lags about 30 years behind. As a result, many people remain stymied by math. And math dysfunction is socially accepted.

"I hate math so much," said Juan Mendoza, 21. He has taken intermediate algebra six times at San Jose City College but has always dropped out part way. Finally, a teacher explained formulas in an understandable way. Just like he's overcome his dyslexia, he said, maybe researchers will find a way to better teach differently wired brains.

The ability to estimate is an oft-tapped skill that, for example, helps waiting shoppers determine which checkout line is likely to move faster at the grocery store. And understanding the cause of the disability could lead to identifying children at risk of failing math and developing ways to help them.

"Children are being considered lazy or unmotivated, or not to have potential, when in fact they have a disability in processing numbers," said Michele M.M. Mazzocco, the lead researcher on the studies. "We need to learn how this can be overcome."

Mazzocco and colleagues at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore began tracking 249 kindergartners in public schools in 1997. She found large differences in children's estimation skills. Even as ninth-graders, some who viewed a set of colored dots flashed briefly on a screen found it difficult to consistently estimate the number, or to distinguish quantities, such as 20 dots from 15 dots.

To tell how many dots we see or to compare quantities, the brain taps into its "approximate number system." Mazzocco found that students in the bottom 10 percent of math achievement lagged in those estimation skills. But that doesn't apply to everyone who "doesn't get" math; the study found that children in the bottom 11 percent to 25 percent had no problem with estimation.

What dyscalculic children lack is "number sense," something that most people take for granted but is a construct that can't always be taught.

"You can't just tell somebody that 8 is more than 4," Mazzocco said. "It's not like memorizing states and their capitals."

Just like dyslexics, children suffering from dyscalculia may be intelligent, she said. "They are processing information differently."

More research could lead to ways to help people who struggle with math, said Daniel Ansari, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Western Ontario.

Ansari's studies have shown that children with dyscalculia don't activate the parietal cortex, which is critical for number processing, in the same way that other children do. Researchers still don't know why, nor whether inactivity in that lobe of the brain causes the math problem or is a symptom of the disability.

"It's a severely underinvestigated disorder," Ansari said.

But what happens as children fail in arithmetic, he said, is that some develop math anxiety and then want to shun the subject.

A survey released last month seems to bear that out. The for-profit Sylvan Learning reports that about one-third of 400 children surveyed would sacrifice a month of video gaming or going on Facebook if they could never have to do algebra again, and 71 percent of 534 parents surveyed think helping kids with algebra is harder than teaching them to drive.

UOG MATH CONTEST

The University of Guam Division of Mathematical Sciences launched its annual math contest today with the first set of problems posted at www.uog.edu/mathematics. Challenge your mathematical mind and log onto the website to view the problems. Solutions for the October contest are due October 31, 2011. Submit your solution by email to uog_math@yahoo.com.

The contest will be held each month from October 2011 through March 2012 with winners announced monthly. Overall winners will be announced in April 2012.

Participants must submit their solutions via email only with the words "Math Contest" in the subject line of the email. In the body of the email include your name, mailing address, school, and grade. For more information contact Hideo Nagahashi or Grazyna Badowski at uog_math@yahoo.com. ***(UOG)***

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Graduate of 4-year degree course and with at least 6 years management experience in the logistics business with emphasis on airfreight, ocean freight forwarding, warehousing and fuel hauling operations. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, Environmental and Occupational Safety Hazards is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must.

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Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Sales Officer (2)
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations is a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Proficient in MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Bookkeeper
Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. At least 2 years of work related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and various logistics software and adept in the use of of SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controling) System. Can work well even with less supervision. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend.

Specialized Truck Driver (7)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazmat and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazmat and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (6)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

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Life & Style

Italian wins free-speech prize for mafia expose

LONDON (AP)—An Italian writer who has lived in hiding since exposing the violent world of the Naples mafia won a major freedom-of-speech prize on Monday.

Roberto Saviano shares the 2011 PEN/Pinter prize with British playwright David Hare.

Saviano's 2006 book "Gomorrah" exposed the vast reach and ruthless methods of Naples' criminal underworld. It has sold 4 million copies and was turned into a movie.

The book brought death threats that have forced Saviano to live in hiding with round-the-clock police protection.

Saviano could not attend Monday's ceremony in London, but sent a message thanking his readers for ensuring "that my words became dangerous for certain powers that need silence and shade."

His friend and fellow journalist Annalisa Piras accepted the award on his behalf, saying that although he was not physically incarcerated, "since he wrote 'Gomorrah,' he has been in prison."

"There are millions of Italians who think, like myself, that he is the bravest Italian in modern history," she said.

Hare, who has often found subjects in current affairs, is known for such plays as "Pravda: A Fleet Street Comedy," about the English media, and "Stuff Happens," about the Iraq invasion.

The prize was established in 2009 by writers' organization PEN, in memory of Nobel Prize-winning playwright Harold Pinter. It goes jointly to a British writer seen as sharing Pinter's unflinching gaze on society, and a "writer of courage" who has faced persecution, chosen by the British winner and PEN.

This year's judges included Pinter's widow Antonia Fraser and writer Hanif Kureishi, a past winner.

Eva Longoria-backed migrant doc out Tuesday on DVD

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eva Longoria says she lent her support to "The Harvest," a documentary about child migrant laborers, not just because of her Latin American roots but also because she wants to know where her food comes from and take responsibility for it.

Much of the harvesting work in the United States is done by migrants from Latin America, especially Mexico. But Longoria's interest in the subject didn't spring from her roots, but from concern over children growing up in the fields, the "Desperate Housewives" star says.

"I'm ninth-generation Mexican-American. We have ranches in Texas but you don't have to have that to have compassion," Longoria said. "I eat food and I'm a responsible human being and if you are responsible, you have to know where your food comes from."

Longoria said a quarter of food eaten in the United States is harvested by children. That estimate could not be immediately confirmed by The Associated Press. Human Rights Watch reported in 2010 that at least 10 percent of hired farm laborers in the United States were under 18, but said that accurate numbers were hard to come by.

The documentary says that more than 400,000 children work in U.S. farm fields.

"You have to be aware of the practices that are used to get the food we are eating," said the actress, who as executive producer of "The Harvest," raised nearly $1 million for the film, which will be released on DVD Tuesday.

"I've been involved with farm workers advocacy for a long time," she said, "but I recently found out, I didn't know there were so many children working legally in the fields."

"The Harvest" tells the story of three children who work as field laborers in Florida, Michigan and Texas to help their parents.

In the film, one of them, 12-year-old Zulema Lopez, notes that she started working at such a young age, she doesn't even remember her first day. She adds that picking onions in Texas from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., she made $64 a week.

The child field workers work under an unforgiving sun and in paralyzing cold and run the same risks and suffer the same deprivations as adult laborers, the film shows. Lopez, for example, recounts how she had to throw dirt on a wound to stop it from bleeding. The film also explains how migratory work makes it difficult for children to receive a proper education.

The film has been shown to members of Congress to put a face on a bill sponsored by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., that would raise the minimum age for field work in the U.S. from 12 to 14 years. It also seeks to create penalties for labor infractions against young field workers and reduce their exposure to pesticides.

"We want to use the film to change policy," Longoria said. "Children shouldn't have to choose between school and work."

Longoria says the most touching scene of the film for her is one in which Lopez fears she'll have to work in the fields her entire life, remarking, "I don't even think about having dreams."

"That was heartbreaking," Longoria said. "Her grandmother works in the fields, her mother works in the fields, and she feels stuck and does not see herself leaving the fields."

AP

In this May 7, 2011 file photo, actress Eva Longoria arrives at the World Premiere of "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

Merced Roligat Limes

September 24, 1950- October 10, 2011

In her new life, she now joins her:
Husband: Jesus Angailen Limes
Son: Francisco R. Limes
Parents: Maria I. Roligat & Jesus A. Roligat
Stepfather: Calistro K. Ruben
Parents In-Law: Asuncion A. Limes & Juan A. Limes
Stepfather In-Law: Sidro W. Tebuteb
Brothers/ Sister: Pedro (Nonito) I. Roligat, Estanislao I. Roligat, Matilde R. Limes, Regina I. Roligat, Lillian I. Roligat
Brothers/Sisters In-Law: Benedicto A. Limes/Margarita R. Limes, Isidro K. Peter, Canisio M. Limes, Francisco M. Olopai, Nicanor S. Cabrera

Survived by:
Children/Spouse:
Lillian R. Limes/Tars & Children
Juan R. Limes/Lynn & Children
Millian L.Wabol/Floyd & Children
Debra L. Tenorio/Lino & Children
Jessica R. Limes/Felix & Children
Salvador R. Limes/Melissa & son
Reared Children:
Edson R. Limes/Tricia & son
Sabrina R. Limes
Emerson R. Limes/Emma & Children
Jeffrey Roligat/Pauline & daughter
Desima R. Pomdi/Patrick & Children
Lupe L. Kaipat/Myron & Children
Taniscio L. Kaipat
Connie P. Limes
Jason P. Limes
Ruthian L. Olopai
Janice Castro & Children
Brother/Sisters:
Martina R. Olopai & Children
Connie R.Cabrera & Children
Lourdes I. Roligat/Kasimiro & Children
Daniel I. Roligat/ Jessica & Children
Brothers/Sisters In-Law:
Rosa L. Peter & Children
Lourdes L. Fitial/Felix & Children
Digno A. Tebuteb/Bulang & Children
Thomas A.Tebuteb/Gregoria & Children
Congressman Ramon A.Tebuteb/Missy & Children

Nightly Rosary is being said at 7:30 p.m. at their residence in Yunga Place, Chalan LauLau. Daily Mass of Intention is also offered at San Jose Church at 6:00 a.m. Body will be escorted from CHC Morgue at 7:30 a.m. to their residence for viewing on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Mass for Christian Burial will be followed at 2:00 p.m., San Jose Church then escorted to Chalan Kanoa Cemetary.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You

From Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Family

AFI will honor Shirley MacLaine

By SUSAN KING
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Oscar winner Shirley MacLaine was named Sunday to receive the American Film Institute's 40th Life Achievement Award, the AFI's highest honor for a career in film.

MacLaine's younger brother, Warren Beatty, received the AFI honor in 2008.

"What is not to love about Shirley MacLaine?" said Bob Gazzale, the president and chief executive of AFI. "The challenge will be how to fit it all into one evening because hers is a life that has gone from movies to television to Broadway, books and beyond. She defines the term 'Renaissance woman,' and what an honor for the AFI to shine a proper light to all she's given the world."

McLaine

MacLaine, 77, will receive her award at a gala tribute June 7. TV Land will broadcast the event that month.

In addition to Beatty, previous recipients include Tom Hanks, Martin Scorsese, Meryl Streep, Barbra Streisand, Morgan Freeman, Kirk and Michael Douglas, Sidney Poitier, Alfred Hitchcock, James Cagney and Jimmy Stewart.

MacLaine, who made her film debut in Hitchcock's 1955 dark comedy "The Trouble With Harry," has starred in more than 50 feature films and earned six Oscar nominations, winning lead actress for 1983's "Terms of Endearment."

A best-selling author, her latest book, "I'm All Over That—and Other Confessions," was published this year, and this fall MacLaine received France's top cultural award, the Legion of Honor.

She began her career in the early 1950s dancing in a revival of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!"

As understudy for star Carol Haney in 1954 in the musical "The Pajama Game," MacLaine took the stage the night Hal B. Wallis, a producer for Paramount, was in the audience. She impressed and was signed to a studio contract.

MacLaine earned her first Oscar nomination for 1958's "Some Came Running" and her second for Billy Wilder's 1960 best picture winner, "The Apartment."

Skydiver who died was in 'Honeymoon in Vegas' movie

LAS VEGAS (AP)—It was supposed to be a special birthday gift to a grandmother—a family skydiving adventure with a veteran instructor who was one of the Elvis Presley impersonators who jumped from an airplane in the movie "Honeymoon in Vegas."

But the tandem skydive ended in tragedy Sunday near the Nevada-Arizona border when two parachutes failed to open, sending 75-year-old Claudette Porter of North Las Vegas and instructor James Fonnesbeck to their deaths.

Porter's husband, Jim Porter, said his wife had talked about skydiving for at least 20 years. Their granddaughter arranged the outing to celebrate Claudette Porter's birthday last month.

"Things like that happen once in a while, and there's just not a whole hell of a lot you can do about it," Jim Porter said.

During the jump, the main parachute attached to Fonnesbeck and Claudette Porter did not fully deploy, and a backup chute became entangled with the main chute when the instructor deployed it, Mesquite police spokesman Jeffrey Smith said.

Jurors get first glimpse of doctor's personality

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jurors who stared at the stoic face of Michael Jackson's doctor across a courtroom for two weeks have had their first glimpse at his personality and their impression of him could be as important as if he had taken the stand himself.

A more-than two-hour long interview that Dr. Conrad Murray had with police provides an insight into the doctor's thinking in the panicked moments when he realized he was losing one of the world's most famous superstars.

"I loved Mr. Jackson," he was heard saying in a soft voice. "He was my friend. He opened up to me in different ways. I wanted to help him ... I cared for him. I had no intention of hurting him. I did not want him to fail."

Prosecutors played the interview to jurors on Friday at Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial. Murray has pleaded not guilty. When the trial resumes Tuesday, Murray's account will focus on how he broke the news to Jackson's children about their father's death.

The dramatic tape recording, made two days after Jackson died, was stopped before the moment when Murray said he realized his patient was dead and he had to face the Jackson family.

According to a transcript, it contains Murray's account of the family's grief when they heard the superstar had died. There is a heart rending recollection of Jackson's 11-year-old daughter weeping, "I will wake up in the morning and I won't be able to see my daddy."

Murray says the three Jackson children asked to view their father's body and were allowed to do so. But Jackson's mother, Katherine declined. Once Jackson's siblings arrived, their question for Murray was simple: "Do you know why he died?"

"My answer was, `No,'" said Murray, "and that's the reason why I was recommending an autopsy."

Murray

At that point on June 25, 2009, he had not told anyone—not paramedics or emergency room doctors—that he had given Jackson the anesthetic propofol on top of a number of other sedatives. His first mention of propofol was during the interview with detectives.

The tape provided a powerful crescendo for the prosecution's case against Murray. But legal experts say the tape's effect may be as contradictory as his story.

"The prosecution benefited greatly from being able to portray Murray as a liar," legal analyst and trial attorney Royal Oakes said. "The key factor is his saying he was away from Jackson's bedside for only two minutes has been contradicted by testimony and cell phone records."

"To have him lie to detectives about how long he was away was incriminating," Oakes said.

Murray's girlfriends have testified he was placing calls to them during the crucial time and he called his current girlfriend from the ambulance as he headed to the hospital with Jackson's apparently dead body.

In the tape, he makes no mention of any cell phone calls and he lied about taking all safety precautions, Oakes said. Testimony has shown that life-saving equipment was not present at the Jackson home.

On the other hand, Oakes said, the interview conducted by two detectives outside a noisy hotel banquet room allowed Murray to tell his story without being challenged.

"It's a different effect to tell the story with gentle prodding from detectives as opposed to the brutal shredding of his account that would happen if he took the stand," he said.

Murray's lawyer, Ed Chernoff, was present and frequently added comments, telling his client to add details he might have left out.

Thomas Mesereau Jr., who won Jackson's acquittal in a child molestation trial, said he listened to the tape carefully and felt it may have helped the defense in painting a picture of Murray as a caring physician.

"He doesn't sound like a menacing person," said Mesereau. "He sounds like a likable person, a decent person."

Beyond that, he said, Murray's words suggest he is "a blamer," putting the blame for Jackson's death on the patient and other doctors who had given Jackson the anesthetic in the past.

Mesereau said it's clear that Murray was trying to head off a criminal charge and instead he gave authorities ammunition with which to charge him.

CELEBRITY EXTRA

By CINDY ELAVSKY
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Anna Kournikova

Q: Can you tell me when my favorite show, "The Biggest Loser," will be back for its next season? I can't wait for it to start!—Edie T., via e-mail

A: The weight-loss competition/reality show is back for its 12th season on NBC (Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET). This season sees "The Biggest Loser" with two new trainers: tennis star Anna Kournikova (who replaces Jillian Michaels) and celebrity trainer Dolvett Quince. Trainer Bob Harper and host Alison Sweeney return, and they will be joined by 15 contestants competing in a "Battle of the Ages," which groups contestants by age. There will be three teams of five divided by age: the youngest players, all under 30; the middle players, ages 30 to 49; and the older players, ages 50 and above.

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Q: I loved "Spin City," and I can find the seasons with Michael J. Fox as the star on DVD, but can't find the seasons when Charlie Sheen took over. Do they ever plan to release those seasons?—Darren D., Spokane, Wash.

A: When Michael J. Fox retired from the successful sitcom after the fourth season, Charlie Sheen joined Heather Locklear and company, taking over as Deputy Mayor Charlie Crawford for the fifth and sixth seasons. The fifth season also was a who's who of guest stars, including Marcia Cross, Kal Penn, Regis Philben, Raquel Welch, Dakota Fanning, Jason Priestley, Rosie O'Donnell, Seth Meyers, Scott Wolf and Alyssa Milano. Season five is finally available on DVD, and can be found online and wherever your favorite DVDs are sold.

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Q: This spring I really got into Christian Slater's new show called "Breaking In." I was so sad when it was canceled by Fox. Now I am hearing it might not be canceled. Is that true?—Dylan F., via e-mail

A: In an almost-unprecedented reversal, Fox decided to uncancel the caper comedy that centered on a team that is hired by companies to break into their own security systems in order to find flaws and weak links. Back in May, all signs pointed to "Breaking In" coming back for the fall, but when the fall schedule was announced a short time later, the show was nowhere to be seen. After much behind-the-scenes negotiation, Fox announced in August that the show would be back for 13 episodes to begin airing midseason 2012.

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Q: I was an avid viewer of the ABC show "V," and especially loved the character of Father Landry. Can you tell me if I can see the actor who played him in anything else soon?—Vivian A. in Pennsylvania

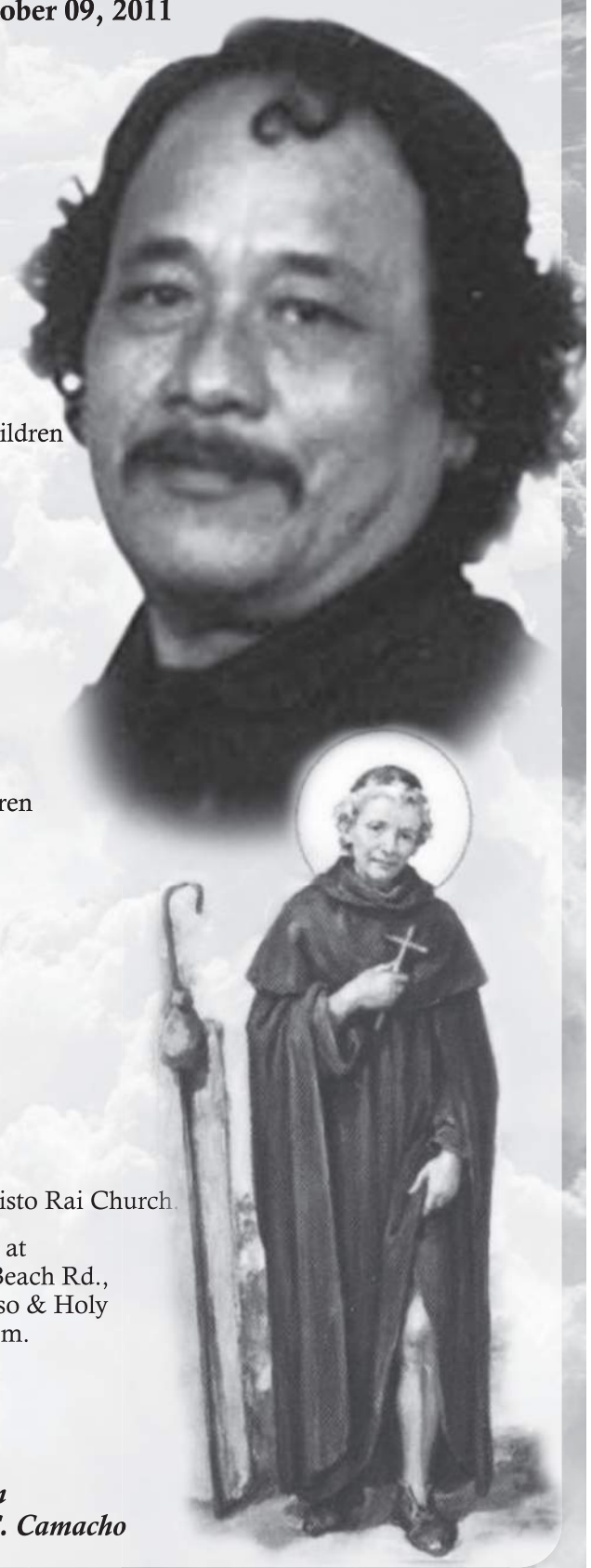
A: Joel Gretsch, who played freedom fighter and priest Jack Landry on the ABC sci-fi show about aliens invading Earth, has risen from the ashes of "V" and can next be seen this fall on NBC's "The Playboy Club" as a recurring character who clashes with Eddie Cibrian's Nick Dalton.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

Death and Funeral Announcement

Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho

April 22, 1952 — October 09, 2011



In his new life, he now joins his:
Father: †Santiago Acosta Camacho
Mother: †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz
Mother In-Law: †Maria Sablan Cabrera

His memories will live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Martha Cabrera Camacho
Son: Joseph Cabrera Camacho, Jr. & Zeleann K. Camacho (Jacqueline Jo)
Daughter: Marjony Cabrera Camacho

Brothers & Sisters/Spouses and family
Gabriel DLC. & Frances T. Camacho and children
Francisco DLC. Camacho and children
Patricia DLC. Camacho & Jose P. Villagomez and children
Edward DLC. & Elizabeth G. Camacho and children
Martin DLC. & Raynita L. Camacho and children
Ricardo DLC. & Cynthia R. Camacho and children
Ruth C. & Steven M. Pangelinan and children
Lydia C. & Eulogio M. King and children
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

Parents In-Law: Manuel T. & Emma DLC. Cabrera

Brothers & Sisters In–Law/Spouses and family
Lydia S. Sablan & George Q. Camacho and children
Edward S. Sablan & children
Rita S. & Ghen Ding and children
Sophia C. & Raymond V. Deleon Guerrero and children
Virginia S. Cabrera and children
Manuel Jr. & Maryjane S. Cabrera and children
Florentina C. & Fred F. Boyer and daughter
Janet S. Cabrera and children
Diego S. Cabrera & Patricia Aldan and children
Steven S. & Geraldine A. Cabrera and children
Angela DLC. Cabrera and daughter
Manuel John DLC. Cabrera
Emma Lou DLC. Cabrera
Josepha DLC. Cabrera

He will also be missed by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and Godchildren.

Daily Mass is being offered every morning at 6:00 am at Kristo Rai Church.

On Monday, October 17, 2011, his remains will be escorted at 9:00 am from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Rd., Garapan to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for Responso & Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00pm. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Martha Cabrera Camacho and Children
Family of the late †Santiago A. & †Carmen DLC. Camacho

Dempsey's bike run nets $1M for cancer center

LEWISTON, Maine (AP)—Patrick Dempsey's bicycle run in western Maine to raise money for his cancer center has netted about $1 million.

The Sun Journal of Lewiston reports that about 4,000 people took part in the third annual fundraising effort to benefit the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope and Healing at the Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston.

Hundreds of cyclists pedaled between 10 and 100 miles along roads in Androscoggin and Oxford counties during the two-day event, which ended Sunday. The roads were lined with spectators cheering the cyclists.

Dempsey, a native of Buckfield, plays Dr. Derek Shepherd on TV's "Grey's Anatomy." He founded the Dempsey Center in 2008.

AP

Actor Patrick Dempsey, center, prepares to start the Survivor Walk with his mother, Amanda, right, and Amgen Breakaway from Cancer Award winner Laura Davis, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, in Lewiston, Maine, on the first day of the Dempsey Challenge.

Amy Winehouse's father has deal for book in 2012

Winehouse

NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Winehouse's father has a book deal.

HarperCollins announced Monday that Mitch Winehouse has agreed to terms with the publisher in the U.S. and Britain for the release of "Amy, My Daughter." HarperCollins says the book will come out in summer 2012.

The publisher says Mitch Winehouse will write about everything from his daughter's childhood to her singing career to her well-publicized struggles with substance abuse. Amy Winehouse died in July at age 27.

Financial terms were not disclosed. Proceeds from the book will be donated to the Amy Winehouse Foundation, which was founded by her father and helps troubled children and young adults.

Yoko Ono campaign to raise hunger awareness

NEW YORK (AP)—Yoko Ono is launching a global campaign to raise money and awareness to help fight childhood hunger and poverty.

The 78-year-old widow of John Lennon is asking that on Nov. 1, at 1 p.m. EDT, people "take a moment to imagine a nourished and abundant world, where `the world will live as one.'"

Hard Rock International and WhyHunger are partners with Ono for the campaign called "Imagine There's No Hunger." Various Hard Rock locations will host events on that day aimed at raising awareness.

Sunday would have been Lennon's 71st birthday, and Tuesday is the 40th anniversary of his song "Imagine," which Ono co-produced.

A limited-edition bracelet will go on sale to support the campaign's efforts and people can also text the word "Imagine" to 50555 to donate.

Cheyenne Jackson gets his 'Mad Men' groove on

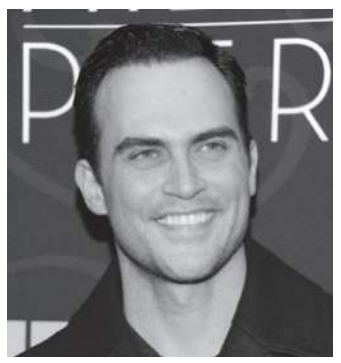
NEW YORK (AP)—Cheyenne Jackson is stepping into the void left this year by the absence of AMC's "Mad Men."

The "Glee" and "30 Rock" star will sing songs from the 50s and 60s for a one-night-only concert next month with The New York Pops orchestra at Carnegie Hall.

According to a press release, the show "will take audiences back to the `Mad Men' era, when bossa nova was new and dance music was smooth and hip."

The Nov. 18 concert will include Jackson crooning such songs as "Feeling Good," "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sway." Steven Reineke, who is the musical director, also promises some contemporary songs that are a throwback to that time.

Jackson has appeared on Broadway in "Finian's Rainbow," "Xanadu," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "On the Twentieth Century" and "Aida."



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In this March 21, 2011 file photo, actor Cheyenne Jackson attends the premiere of HBO's "Mildred Pierce" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Website: Iranian actress faces jail, lashing

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—An Iranian opposition website says an Iranian actress has been sentenced to a year in prison and 90 lashes for appearing in a movie critical of the Islamic republic's hard-line policies. The Kalameh.com site said Monday that Marzieh Vafamehr's attorney has appealed the sentence. Lashing sentences are not uncommon in Iran, but many are not carried out. There was no official statement. Vafamehr appeared in the film "My Tehran for Sale," shot in the Iranian capital. It tells the story of a young actress whose stage work is banned by authorities. The movie was produced by an Australian-based company and directed by an Iranian-Australian Granaz Moussavi. It premiered at the Adelaide Film Festival in 2009, but is banned in Iran.

Stephen Sondheim to receive NYC arts award

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim will receive New York City's highest honor for achievement in the arts. The New York Times says Sondheim will receive the Handel Medallion on Nov. 1 at Alice Tully Hall. Other honorees will include Mikhail Baryshnikov; arts advocate Alice Diamond; musician Jimmy Heath; artist Maya Lin; and the Theater Development Fund. Sondheim has won more Tony Awards than any other composer. A revival of the 81-year-old's "Follies" will be on Broadway until Jan. 22. His other hit musicals include "A Little Night Music" and "Sweeney Todd." Sondheim also wrote the lyrics for "West Side Story."

Dennis Lehane starting imprint at HarperCollins

NEW YORK (AP)—Dennis Lehane is the latest brand-name publisher. The author of "Mystic River," "Moonlight Mile" and other thrillers is overseeing a new imprint at HarperCollins. The publisher announced Monday that Dennis Lehane Books will issue "a select" number of literary fiction works each year that have "a dark urban edge." The author himself said in a statement that he was hoping to help "worthy writers" in need of more attention. No release date has been set for the first book. Other best-sellers with their own imprints include Pulitzer Prize winning biographer Jon Meacham and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain.

Norwegian crime novel headed for Hollywood

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A Swedish production company says it has sold the English-language movie rights to Norwegian crime writer Jo Nesbo's "Headhunters" novel to Summit Entertainment. Yellow Bird CEO Mikael Wallen said Monday that if the independent American film studio decides to make a film version of the novel it could hit screens in about three years. A Norwegian movie of the novel has already attracted more than 600,000 viewers in Norway and Denmark. "Headhunters" tells the story of a rich headhunter who finances his extravagant life through art thefts. The book has been translated into several languages and has sold more than 600,000 copies in 27 countries.

Wife can't convince husband to stop making racist remarks

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have always felt proud that I have never had any racist thoughts. Since the births of my three children, I have tried to instill in them that we are all God's children, no matter the color of our skin.

The problem is, my husband is a racist. He doesn't like anyone who isn't just like him. He makes rude and crude remarks in front of our kids, and I'm always trying to discredit his remarks so the kids won't end up with his bigoted way of thinking.

I have tried talking to my husband about it, but he doesn't seem to get it. How can I get through to him?

UNBIASED IN IDAHO

DEAR UNBIASED: You can't. His racism isn't rational. He learned it from the environment in which he was raised, as your children may if he continues.

In the time you knew your husband before you married him, I'm surprised that you didn't notice his racist beliefs. If you are truly as unbiased as you say, it seems to me that a couple of uncensored remarks from him would have killed the romance.

However, please don't give up the fight. Your children need to hear consistently that not all people feel as your husband does.

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DEAR ABBY: My father passed away six weeks ago. He and Mom were married 42 years. After his death, because my living situation was unhealthy, I moved back home with Mom.

Three weeks ago she began seeing an old boyfriend she had before she married Dad. I am the first to meet "Warren." Mom is keeping him a secret from my three siblings.

Warren has visited the house a few times during the day. He recently came for dinner and spent the night on the sofa in the living room. I was hurt and shocked by it. She could have at least told me he'd be staying.

I want to talk to her about this, but I don't know how. I want her to be happy, but Warren's here all the time now. Isn't it a little too soon? I miss my father. Mom hasn't considered my feelings or asked how I feel about this. I realize it's her house and she's an adult, but I can't help feeling disappointed and disrespected.

STILL MOURNING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STILL MOURNING: Talk to your mother as one adult to another. Tell her you were shocked when Warren spent the night, and that his being there "all the time" seems rushed so soon after your father's death. Tell her, too, that you feel that hiding him from your siblings is a mistake.

Then hear her out. This isn't about you. Your mother is an adult. She and Warren have some shared history, so it's not as if he's a complete stranger out of nowhere. While I agree that she would be wise to take things more slowly, this isn't our decision to make.

Sooner or later you may have to make some living arrangements of your own, so you can both move on with your lives. Start thinking about it now.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in love with a man who is a lot younger than I am. He lives in France. We were supposed to marry late last year, but his visa was delayed and he had to return home.

Since then, I have heard from him only a few times and he never answers my letters. I love him so much. I still wear his engagement ring. What do you think I should do?

OCEANS APART IN ILLINOIS

DEAR OCEANS APART: I think you should remove the ring because it appears the romance is over. Je suis desolee, Madame.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

DON'T MAKE FACES AT THE TABLE, CALVIN.
I CAN'T HELP IT.
MOM SAID MY FACE WOULD FREEZE LIKE THIS SOME DAY, AND IT JUST DID.
NO, IT DIDN'T.
IT DID, DAD! MOM WAS RIGHT. I'M HORRIBLY DISFIGURED FOR LIFE.
NO, YOU AREN'T.
BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T SPOIL DINNER. SEE? ELEPHANT MAN!

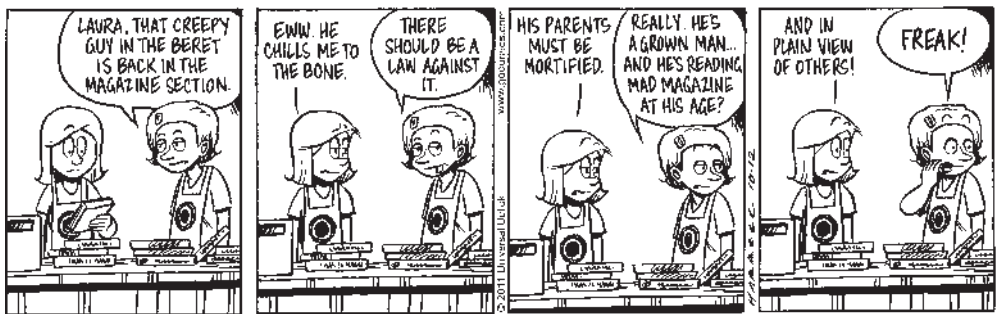
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

DARN! MY FAVORITE T-SHIRT SHRANK IN THE WASH!
THANK GOODNESS IT STILL FITS, THOUGH
THIS IS A GUY THING, RIGHT?
BE THANKFUL IT WASN'T HIS PANTS
JIM DAVIS 10-12

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


LAURA, THAT CREEPY GUY IN THE BERET IS BACK IN THE MAGAZINE SECTION.
EWW. HE CHILLS ME TO THE BONE.
THERE SHOULD BE A LAW AGAINST IT.
HIS PARENTS MUST BE MORTIFIED.
REALLY. HE'S A GROWN MAN... AND HE'S READING MAD MAGAZINE AT HIS AGE?
AND IN PLAIN VIEW OF OTHERS!
FREAK!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Pond film
5 — constrictor
8 Touch
12 Earthenware pot
13 Also
14 California wine valley
15 Imposed a penalty on
17 Soon, in verse
18 Dive of a sort
19 Rickrack
21 Health resort
22 Actress Diana
23 Vacationing
26 Can material
28 Western border lake
31 Eye part
33 Apprehend
35 Simple
36 Hermit, e.g.
38 Standard
40 Lair
41 Mid-month date
43 Shrill bark
45 "— Street"
47 Nervous
51 Genuine (Ger.)
52 Disappeared
54 Genealogy chart
55 Storm center
56 Sound quality
57 Lather
58 Trawler need
59 Luke Wilson's brother

DOWN

1 Former frosh
2 Hint
3 Arm bone
4 "The Mikado" trio
5 Persian Gulf country
6 Inseparable
7 Tossed into the mix
8 Turn of a phrase?
9 Ostracized
10 "Once — a time"
11 Piquancy
16 Calendar abbr.
20 Period
23 Lubricant
24 To and —
25 Done
27 Siesta
29 Raw rock
30 Still, in verse
32 Tranquilizes
34 Rifle attachment
37 Sleep phenom
39 Eastern princess
42 Most common dice roll
44 Green pasta sauce
45 Collections
46 Beige
48 Indian Ocean vessel
49 Wilder or Hackman
50 Paradise
53 Sailor's assent

Solution time: 21 mins.

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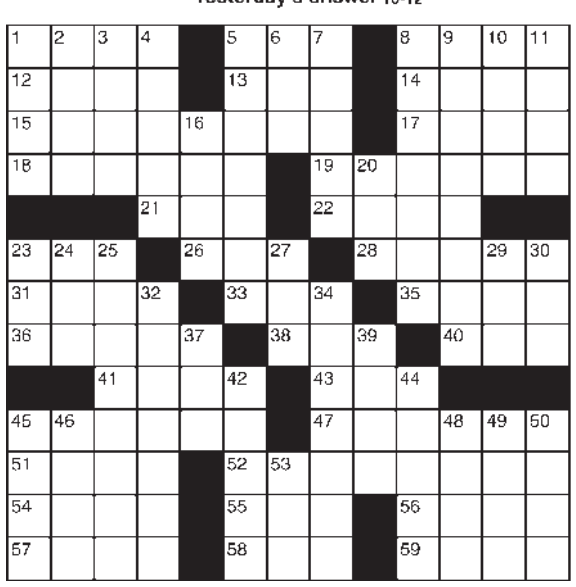
Yesterday's answer 10-12



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Hutcherson, 19; Bode Miller, 34; Kirk Cameron, 41; Hugh Jackman, 43.

Happy Birthday: A friend, relative or peer will encourage you to move in a direction that wasn't possible in the past. Follow your intuition and base whatever you pursue on originality and creative ideas that come from experience. Love is in the stars, and a promise must be kept. Your numbers are 4, 16, 18, 20, 28, 35, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Too much pressure will bring about an impulsive move that will be difficult to reverse. Step back from the situation and take a look at the big picture. Don't feel the need to act fast or to give in. Time is on your side. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Avoid overindulgent people. Quality, not quantity, should be your goal. A problem with a co-worker, supervisor, government agency or large institution can be expected if you don't abide by the rules and regulations. Don't leave anything to chance. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Rein in your emotions and you can control whatever situation you face. Use your head and apply practical solutions to whatever is being requested of you. Change can be positive as long as you or someone else doesn't use force. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Call in favors and you will receive more than you ask for. Socialize, even if someone is trying to take up your time with demanding requests. You will broaden your horizons and your circle of friends by getting out and trying new things. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll make wise choices and create opportunities if you are positive and productive. Good fortune will come through a partnership that is equal and complimentary. A change in location will inspire you to make last-minute arrangements that can alter your lifestyle. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Hold on to what you've accumulated. Consider every facet of a situation you face before you make a move. You will discover valuable information that can help you get ahead as long as you don't let emotions stand in your way. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Irrational behavior will cause setbacks, regardless of who is being difficult. Don't overextend yourself emotionally, financially or physically. Work hard to help someone in need, but don't give in to demands made by those who can fend for themselves. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't let a personal problem lead to anger. Focus on being the best you can be and developing an idea or skill you have that can lead to higher returns. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have what you want secured. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Having a better understanding of the current economic situation is necessary. There is money to be made if you are in the right place at the right time. Don't fear doing things differently. Standing out can be what gets you in the door. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You may have some leverage at home or at work, but when it comes to discussions with friends and neighbors, you'd better know what you are talking about. Expect to be challenged by someone who doesn't see things your way. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Overreacting will lead to trouble. An incident from your past will come back to haunt you. Look for an unusual opportunity, give it a unique twist and you will make financial gains. An improved living arrangement is attainable. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): A past partner, peer or colleague can help you get ahead now. Be the first to make contact and rectify any problem that may have occurred in the past. Your maturity and ability to put the past behind you will help you advance now. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intense, unpredictable and determined to reach your goals.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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4	3	2	6	7	9	1	8	5
1	9	5	2	4	8	3	6	7

Difficulty Level ★★ 10/11

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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1–Accountant $ 7.25-$ 13.00/hr. Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. PSG Professional Corp. Email resume to psgspn@gmail.com

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1 General Manager $2,000.00-$2,500.00/mo. At least 5 years experience . Dae Dong Corp. Email resume to psgspn@gmail.com

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1–Accountant-$5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs. exp in Peachtree/Quickbook Acctng. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1–Carpenter $5.05-$5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 Architect. Degree required. 5 yrs exp. Utility residential design ACAD v2011. Send resume to P.O. Box 505339

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1 Computer programmer, Sal. $5.05/ hr. min. 4yrs exp. email resume to jikangahn@gmail.com, 235-4485 JJ Brothers Corp.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT-WINCHELL'S DONUTS

a. 1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage range $7.50 per hour and up, depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 5 years of continued experience in managing bakery or similar operations. Must be able to manage 15 or more people and more than 1 store. Must be computer literate. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

b. 3 vacancies for **Store Supervisor**. Wage range $5.25 to $7.50 per hour depending on qualifications. College level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in supervising bakery operations. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

c. 8 vacancies for **Sales Associates**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in sales. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

d. 6 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 3 years experience in baking. Knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system preferred. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have a reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test.

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EMPLOYMENT

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1 Electrician $ 5.05/hr & 1 Commercial Cleaner $ 5.05/hr Contact C & H Saipan, Inc. @ 234-7709

1 Building and Grounds Maintenance $ 5.05/hr. Contact Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors @ 234-7524

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1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Matilde Fejeran at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-Accountant, $5.05-$6.50 per hour Mail resume to RR & Associates at PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391

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1 Administrative/Accounting Clerk, $5.50 to $6.50: Must have more than 5 years experience in accounting work; at least 6 months work experience in public accounting office; at least 4 years work experience in administrative position and exposure working with the company executives; knowledge in Quickbooks, Peachtree, FAS & tax software. Please send your resume at P.O. Box 503198, Saipan MP 96950 (Ernst & Young (CNMI), Inc.)

1-Commercial cleaner $5.05/hr. min. of 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to P.O.Box 5545 CHRB Saipan. JH Ent.

3-Cooks, $5.05 /hr., 5 yrs. experience, will work at 3:00 AM. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

1-Waitress, $5.05/hr., must have 5 yrs. experience, pleasing personality, knows how to entertain customers, flexible work schedule. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

1-Aircon Technician, $5.05-$7.00/ hr., 10yrs. experience, knowledge in centralized aircon & industrial electricity, will work day or night. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

1-Maintenance, $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience, willing to work day or night. Call Nokalimi Office Rental @ 888-9161.

1-Accountant, $5.05/hr., 7 yrs. experience, knowledge in Quickbooks software. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

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Vacancy Announcement

2-Pet Shop Helper

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Job Vacancy Announcement

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• At least 2 – 3 years experience in a Commercial Building Maintenance. Preferably in Carpentry and Masonry.
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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· 1-A/C/REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
· 1-GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

5-10 years experience. Salary: $5.05-7.00 p/h
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Job Vacancy Announcement

2-Fisherman

2 years Experience.
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Contact 235-2427

Three (3) years minimum experience as a professional musician. Must have the ability to sing and play lead guitar and/or bass guitar. Competent in the use of musical sequencer/PA systems and able to perform several musical styles/music genre. Experience as sound technician is an advantage. Email resume to mapagahes@gmail.com.

Vacancy Announcement

1 Operations Manager - $5.75/hr. Minimum 4 years experience with Bachelor's Degree.

1 Sales Manager - $5.75/hr. Minimum 4 years experience with Bachelors Degree or Diploma.

2 Carpet Installers- $5.05/hr. Minimum 2 years experience with High School Graduation or equivalent.

Interested applicants please bring resume & police clearance to Innovation Inc., San Antonio, P.O.Box 504206, or call 235-5547.

Charms Inc.

Vacancy Announcement

1 Engine Machine Mechanic. 2yrs experience. To inspect, repair, replace engine and machinery.

1 Beautician. 2yrs experience. All around. Must have knowledge in all services provided in a saloon especially skin care.

1 Beautician Manager. 2yrs experience. Knowledge in Skin Care. Manage and operate the saloon.

1 Beautician/Masseuse. 2yrs experience. Knowledge in beauty & massage a plus.

Interested applicants please call 233-9391.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

COOK, SUPERVISOR, PURCHASING AND INVENTORY CLERK

QUALIFICATIONS:

• Must have a high school diploma / GED equivalent
• Stamina to work on your feet as needed for 12 hrs shifts
• Be able to lift and carry up to 30 lbs
• A valid Saipan driver's license with good driving record
• 8 – 10 yrs experience in food service preferred

Please contact Mr. Merchant Thompson at cel: 1-907-9570070 or 1-670-789-4609

CYC Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

Open Date: 10/12/11 Closing Date: 10/18/2011

1 **Store Manager.** Salary: $6.00-7.00 p/h. Must have 5 yrs experience in managing retail operations. Chinese speaking highly preferred. Valid Drivers License required. Availability to work evenings, holidays, and weekends. Honest and Trustworthy.

1 **Accountant.** Salary: $5.05-6.05 p/h. Bachelor in Accountancy. 5 yrs experience. Knowledge of Federal and CNMI tax laws (can compute and file taxes). Knowledge in purchasing inventory, payroll and bank reconciliation. Ability to prepare financial reports. Proficient in MS Excel, MSWord and Accounting software.

Interested applicants must have their own transportation.

Applicants may submit their resume at **CYA Koblerville Market**, located near St. Jude Church in Koblerville. **No phone calls.**

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA CLUB MICRONESIA

15 DANCERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

10 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

Please mail your resume to
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Vacancy Announcement

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1-Assitant Manager
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1- Storekeeper
2 years experience, Salary $5.05 p/h

1-A/C Refrigerator Tech.
2 years experience, Salary $5.05 p/h

1-Building Maintenance
2 years experience, Salary $5.05 p/h

1-Elect./Plumbing Tech.
2 years experience, Salary $5.05 p/h

1-Cook
2 years experience, Salary $5.05 p/h

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Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel.: 235-2427

Job Vacancy Announcement
JAGUAR LIMITED DBA. CLUB MERMAID

1 GENERAL MANAGER
Qualifications:
- 3 - 4 years work experience
- College graduate or college level with Management Course.
- Responsible for establishing goals & objectives for the operation
- Has excellent sales and marketing executions
- Ability to control profit & loss with business analysis
- Salary $7.00/hr

1 BARTENDER
Qualifications:
- At least 3 – 5 years experience
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

1 SUPERVISOR
Qualifications:
- 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club operation
- Preferably College Graduate or College level.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

15 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

5 SINGERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
AUDITOR
Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

Qualification: Graduate of BS Accountancy or related degrees, with at least 3 years experience in auditing private, government and not-for-profit organization. **Salary:** $26,500 per annum

Interested applicants may fax their resume at J. Scott Magliari & Co at 670-233-8214 or email at jsm@magliari-cpa.com on or before October 22, 2011.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

6 Tour Guide: $5.05/hr, tips and commission. At least two years of tour guiding experience in Saipan is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

1 Operations Manager (Tour): $1,000-$1,400/mo. Bachelor's degree and at least five years of experience in tour industry is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

1 General Manager: $1,000-$2,500/mo. At least five years of experience in tour agency management is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required.

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General Maintenance Worker (11)
High school diploma or GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; standard practices and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Must be able to work flexible hours. Can work outdoors.

Administrative Assistant (3)
Associate's Degree. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Housekeeper (8)
High school diploma or GED Certificate. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: October 7, 2011
CLOSING DATE: October 14, 2011

Position:	(3) Bookkeeper
Salary:	$808 - $1,200 per month
Qualification:	Bachelor's degree plus a minimum of five years of work related experience. Knowledgeable with AccPac Accounting system is preferred.
Position:	(1) Computer Network Specialist
Salary:	$808 - $1,200 per month
Qualification:	Associate's degree plus a minimum of five years of work related experience. Knowledgeable with Excel and AccPac system is preferred.
Position:	(1) Refrigeration Specialist
Salary:	$808 - $920 per month
Qualification:	Associate's degree plus a minimum of six years of work related experience. Knowledgeable in the maintenance of vending machine is preferred.
Position:	(1) Automotive Mechanic
Salary:	$808 - $920 per month
Qualification:	Graduation from High School plus a minimum of six years of work related experience or Graduation from a Vocational Training plus four years of work related experience.
Position:	Project Coordinator (Part-time)
Salary:	$5.05 - $8.00 per hour
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1-Tour Guide: $5.05/hr, tips and commission. At least two years of tour guiding experience in Saipan is required. Korean speaking fluency is required.

1-Operations Manager (Tour): $1,000-$2,000/mo. At least five years of experience in tour agency management required. Korean speaking and writing fluency required.

Email resume to hit@hanmisaipan.com.

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• (1) GENERAL MANAGER • (1) ACCOUNTANT
• (1) ASSISTANT MANAGER • (1) INSURANCE SALES AGENT
• (1) TAX PREPARER / ADM. ASSISTANT
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NBA cancels first two weeks of season

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA Commissioner David Stern canceled the first two weeks of the season Monday, warning players and fans that the cuts may have only just begun.

"With every day that goes by, I think we need to look at further reductions in what's left of the season," said Stern, who doubts a full 82-game season can be played.

Saying he was sad and sorry, Stern erased the season's first two weeks after players and owners were unable to reach a new labor deal to end the lockout. The cancellations mark the NBA's first work stoppage since the 1998-99 season was reduced to 50 games.

"The gap is so significant that we just can't bridge it at this time," Stern said. "We certainly hoped it would never come to this."

Union president Derek Fisher agreed, emphasizing that missing any games puts the season in jeopardy.

"This is not where we choose to be," he said. "We're not at a place where a fair deal can be reached with the NBA."

With just three weeks remaining before the start of the season, top negotiators for both sides met for more than seven hours Monday but were unable to reach an agreement. The two sides expect to remain in contact, but no additional formal talks have been scheduled.

Stern said both sides are "very far apart on virtually all issues. ... We just have a gulf that separates us."

Opening night was scheduled for Nov. 1, and the cancellation includes all games scheduled to be played through Nov. 14. Affected arenas have been authorized to release dates for those dates.

With another work stoppage, the NBA risks alienating a fan base that sent the league's revenues and TV ratings soaring during the 2010-11 season. And the cost of cancellations would be staggering. Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said the league would lose hundreds of millions of dollars, while union executive director Billy Hunter estimated players' losses at $350 million for each month they were locked out.

Now ushers, security personnel, parking lot attendants, concession workers, restaurant employees and others all stand to have their hours cut or join the country's 14 million unemployed. A few teams also have already trimmed their staffs, and more layoffs could be forthcoming.

For the second straight day the sides focused on salary cap system issues instead of the division of revenue split.

Stern said the players still proposed they get 53 percent of revenues, whereas the league proposed they get 47 percent. The two sides had discussed a 50-50 split last week but only in informal discussions.

Both sides stressed it was the system issues, not the revenue split, that turned out to be the larger obstacle Monday.

Stern said he felt the league had made serious concessions on the system—withdrawing its demands for non-guaranteed contracts and what they considered a hard salary cap. Players, however, insisted the league's idea of strengthening the luxury tax would have acted as hard cap, scaring too many teams from spending above the cap level.

"We discussed the system and the system and the system," Stern said. "And we are so far apart. We had a good wrap-up session, but we can't close the gap."

The success of last season, on the court, at the box office and in the headlines, convinced many that the sides would never reach this stalemate.

But small-market owners were hardened after watching LeBron James leave Cleveland for Miami, Amare Stoudemire bolt Phoenix for New York, and Carmelo Anthony later use his impending free agency as leverage to secure a trade from Denver to the Knicks. They wanted changes that would allow them to hold onto their superstars and compete for titles with the big-spending teams from Los Angeles, Boston and Dallas who have gobbled up the last four championships.

As the lockout drags on, Stern's legacy as one of sports' best commissioners is weakened. He turned 69 last month, and although he hasn't said when he will retire, he did say this will be his last CBA negotiation after nearly 28 years running the league.

He has insisted all along he wouldn't worry about the damage to his reputation and that his only concern would be getting the deal his owners need.

It's uncertain when that will be. The sides didn't agree until Jan. 6 in 1999, just before the deadline for canceling that entire season. The league ended up with a 50-game schedule, often plagued by poor play as teams were forced to fit too many games into too small of a window.

They could keep meeting now and agree to a deal much sooner this time. Or perhaps the divide is still too great and they will decide there's no reason to rush back to the table.

On Monday, Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, owners Peter Holt of San Antonio, Glen Taylor of Minnesota and James Dolan of New York, and senior vice president and deputy general counsel Dan Rube met with Hunter, Fisher of the Lakers and vice president Maurice Evans of the Wizards, and attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and Ron Klempner.

Though both sides have said they believe bargaining is the only route to a deal, the process could end up in the courts. Each brought an unfair labor practice charge against the other with the National Labor Relations Board, and the league also filed a federal lawsuit against the union attempting to block it from decertifying.

Union officials thus far have been opposed to decertification, a route the NFL players initially chose during their lockout. But Hunter has said it might eventually be considered.

Players say they have prepared for a shortened season for a couple of years, knowing it could be the inevitable outcome of a difficult negotiation. The owners' initial proposal in early 2010 for a new CBA, calling for salary reductions and rollbacks, shorter contracts and a hard cap of $45 million, got the process off to a tense start.

When the sides couldn't agree to a new deal before the old one expired on July 1, Hunter said it had been difficult for the players to overcome the setback the initial proposal caused.

AP

NBA Commissioner David Stern, center, talks with reporters after leaving an NBA labor talks meeting , Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in New York.

Surging Lions beat Bears 24-13 and improve to 5-0

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Lions fans counted down the final seconds—as if it was New Year's Eve—when the franchise finished its first Monday night game in a decade.

The Motor City is hoping this party doesn't stop any time soon.

Matthew Stafford's second touchdown pass put Detroit ahead in the third quarter and Jahvid Best's 88-yard run later in the period gave the Lions a double-digit lead in a 24-13 win over the Chicago Bears.

"It was electric," Stafford said. "Our fans came out and did an unbelievable job."

The Lions did a pretty good job, too.

Detroit (5-0) is undefeated through five games for the first time since 1956—the year before its last NFL title.

Lions coach Jim Schwartz, though, refused to be celebrate, pointing to the team's next game on Sunday at home against the San Francisco 49ers.

"We'll start on San Fran in about an hour and a half," Schwartz said shortly after midnight.

The defending NFC North champion Bears (2-3) are off to their worst start since 2007. They are three games behind Detroit and defending Super Bowl champion Green Bay (5-0) in the division.

Detroit and its fans were clearly fired up for the Monday night game.

The Lions had their largest crowd at Ford Field and the 67,861 fans created enough noise to rattle the Bears into nine false starts.

"It was unbelievable," Stafford said. "Especially early on, some of those third downs, you couldn't hear yourself think."

The Bears looked unnerved at times by the raucous crowd. Chicago committed six false start penalties in the first half—an NFL season-high for a game, according to STATS, LLC.

"We were going against a loud crowd, but that isn't an excuse," Chicago coach Lovie Smith said. "Pre-snap penalties kill you."

Chicago quieted the fans briefly by taking a 10-7 lead just before halftime and seemed to make them a little nervous by pulling within eight points with 4:07 left to play.

Best, though, made them roar again with a 43-yard run that was capped by a horse-collar penalty that gave Detroit the ball at the Chicago 22. He ran for another first down that took time off the clock and set up Jason Hanson's 31-yard kick with 1:56 to go to seal the victory.

The Lions got some large gains on offense and a lot of solid and subtle ones on defense, holding Chicago to just three points in the second half.

"Can't give up the big plays," Smith said. "Their defense made us earn everything. We didn't do the same."

Stafford lofted a pass to Calvin Johnson for a 73-yard score—extending his NFL-record start with nine TD catches in five games—early in the second quarter.

Best's 88-yard run was the second-longest in franchise history, trailing only Bob Hoernschemeyer's 96-yard run against the New York Yankees on Nov. 23, 1950. It was 3 yards longer than Barry Sanders' longest gain on the ground.

Smith was dumbfounded that Best wasn't touched on the run through a hole up the middle and past the secondary.

"Hard to swallow," Smith said. "Jahvid Best is a good player, but we can't let that happen."

Stafford was 19 of 26 for 219 yards with two TDs, including the go-ahead score to Brandon Pettigrew from 18 yards with 9:55 to go in the third quarter. Best more than doubled his previous career-high with 163 yards rushing on 12 carries. Johnson finished with five catches for 130 yards and for the first time this season, he didn't score twice, but he made an impact as usual against a team that tried to slow him down with double coverage.

Matt Forte ran for 116 yards on 22 carries for the Bears.

Jay Cutler was 28 of 38 for 249 yards with a TD and no interceptions.

"They were getting 3, 4 yards of surge every time and that makes it hard to stay in the pocket," Cutler said.

He was sacked three times and was hurried and hit many more times.

"Jay was under a lot of pressure," Smith said. "But he kept us in it."

Cutler's 9-yard pass to Kellen Davis gave the Bears a three-point lead late in the first half, but it wasn't large enough to hold off the NFL's first team to come back from 20-point deficits in consecutive weeks.

Detroit didn't need to rally this time, taking the lead and making enough plays on both sides of the ball to keep it much to the delight of the sports-crazed fans in their state that are buzzing about them, the Tigers along with Michigan and Michigan State's ranked football teams.

The Lions, who became the NFL's first 0-16 team just three years ago during the league's worst stretch of futility since World War II, are finally giving their legion of followers something to cheer about.

"Some of our guys were on the team, so they know what the city's been through," Best said. "They know what this team's been through. I can definitely feel the sense of how hungry the city is."

Pujols has 5 RBIs, Cards beat Brewers 12-3 in NLCS

AP

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols hits an RBI double during the fifth inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League championship series against the Milwaukee Brewers Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Leave "Beast Mode" to the guys on the other team. Albert Pujols was just a monster.

The St. Louis slugger had one of the biggest postseason nights of his career in Game 2 of the NL championship series, going 4-for-5 with a home run, three doubles and five RBIs to lead the Cardinals past the Milwaukee Brewers 12-3 on Monday.

Pujols belted a two-run homer in the first, a two-run double in the third and an RBI double in the fifth, then added another double in the seventh. The crowd cheered sarcastically when the Brewers finally retired him in the eighth.

"Sometimes when they come, they come in a bunch," Pujols said.

His big hits came one night after Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder bashed the Brewers to a 9-6, come-from-behind victory in Game 1.

This time, the big bats couldn't bring Milwaukee back—even at Miller Park. Milwaukee was the best home team in the majors all season and the Brewers had won all four home games in the playoffs until Monday.

The Cardinals' commanding victory temporarily silenced the boisterous Brewers and their trademark "Beast Mode" celebration gesture.

"It wasn't joyful," Fielder said. "You've just got to deal with it and move on."

The series now shifts to St. Louis, where Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter faces Brewers right-hander Yovani Gallardo in Game 3 on Wednesday night.

"Our attitude was we've got to win a game to make it a series," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said.

Pujols can become a free agent after the World Series, so a big postseason could raise his price. The three-time NL MVP was 1 for 4 in Sunday night's loss, hitting into a double play with runners on first and third in the seventh inning. A run scored on the play, but it seemed to be an indication that Pujols wasn't quite on his game. He came into Monday with only one RBI in the Cardinals' first six postseason games.

"You learn from the mistakes that you made," Pujols said. "Yesterday was just so tough. Going to bed, I was just thinking about some of the opportunities I had to help our ballclub win. I turned that page, knowing today was a new day."

Brewers manager Ron Roenicke, of course, has seen such things from Pujols before.

"The last time we saw them at their place he was swinging the bat just like this," Roenicke said. "You can't make mistakes to him. You have to hit spots. You have to keep it down in the zone. He doesn't miss too many mistakes."

Rickie Weeks hit a two-run homer in the fourth for Milwaukee, then was involved in a disputed play in the fifth. With the bases loaded and one out, Weeks grounded into a double play, though replays showed he was safe.

Weeks—hobbled by the lingering effects of a midseason left ankle injury—appeared to beat the throw to first base and seemed upset when he was called out.

"Big part in the game, whether he's safe or out," Roenicke said. "You guys saw the replay. That was a big play."

But it didn't matter much after the Brewers gave up four runs in a backbreaking seventh inning. Fielder homered in the eighth, well after the outcome had been decided.

Cardinals starter Edwin Jackson went 4 1-3 innings, giving up Weeks' home run. Lance Lynn got the win.

It was a short and ugly start by Milwaukee's Shaun Marcum, who gave up five runs on seven hits in four innings and took the loss. Marcum, obtained in an offseason trade with Toronto, struggled mightily in the final month of the season. After a rough outing in Game 3 of the NL division series against Arizona, his place in the Brewers' postseason rotation might come into question.

"We'll see how it goes," Roenicke said, adding later: "As far as I'm concerned right now he's pitching again."

St. Louis got started early when Jon Jay bunted for a one-out hit in the first. Pujols came to the plate and delivered what amounted to a warning shot, hitting a long fly just foul. Then he zeroed in on Marcum's offering, smacking it to left field for a home run.

Pujols stood at the plate and admired his shot for a moment, flipped his bat away and trotted around the bases.

"He's a great offensive player. He's a heads-up defensive player. He's a heads-up baserunner. This is a great baseball player," Roenicke said.

St. Louis added two more runs in the third. Jackson's single fell in when center fielder Nyjer Morgan got a bad break on the ball, tried to make a diving catch and then dropped it. With one out, Jay sneaked a single down the third-base line, again setting the stage for Pujols.

Pujols hammered a pitch deep to center, Morgan missed a chance at what would have been an acrobatic catch, and two runs scored to give the Cardinals a 4-0 lead. Pujols pointed to the sky upon arriving at second base, then clapped his hands.

"Heck, you know at some point he's going to assert himself," teammate Lance Berkman said. "Certainly tonight that was the case. He got some good pitches to hit and he crushed them."

The Cardinals added another run in the fourth. Yadier Molina doubled, advanced on a groundout and scored when Nick Punto dribbled a single up the middle with the infield in to give St. Louis a 5-0 lead.

Milwaukee finally got to Jackson in the fourth, when Fielder led off with a double and Weeks hit a two-run shot to left to cut the Cardinals' lead to 5-2. A one-out single by Yuniesky Betancourt threatened to keep the rally going, but Jonathan Lucroy grounded into a forceout and Casey McGehee tapped back to the pitcher to end the inning.

Brewers reliever Marco Estrada took over in the fifth, but the Cardinals kept on swinging.

Jay led off with a double and Pujols laced a ball into the gap in right-center for an RBI double. Pujols advanced to third on a groundout, then scored when a ball slipped through Lucroy's legs for a wild pitch. Lucroy found the ball and made a quick throw to Estrada at the plate, but it wasn't in time.

"The bullpen didn't do so well, either," Roenicke said. "We didn't pitch well today."

Rangers 7, Tigers 3, 11 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Nelson Cruz hit the first game-ending grand slam in postseason history to lift Texas over Detroit in the American League championship series.

Cruz doubled early, then hit a tying home run in the seventh inning. His second homer of the game was a high drive to left field off Ryan Perry with nobody out in the 11th, and came after a misplay in the Detroit outfield loaded the bases.

"It was amazing," Cruz said. "First two pitches, I was too aggressive. I hit the ball — foul ball, foul ball. So after that, I told myself just slow down and try to hit a fly ball to the outfield."

Cruz connected for the fourth grand slam in the playoffs this year. Ryan Roberts and Paul Goldschmidt of Arizona and Robinson Cano of the Yankees also hit them.

STATS LLC confirmed that Cruz's shot was the first slam to end a postseason game — with a postscript. Robin Ventura sent a tiebreaking drive over the fence to finish a New York Mets victory against Atlanta in the 1999 NLCS, but was swarmed by teammates between first and second.

Ventura never made it around the bases and was officially credited with a single. His 15th-inning drive for a 4-3 Mets win in Game 5 came to be known as "the grand slam-single."

Cardinals end Brewers' playoff dominance at home

MILWAUKEE (AP)—The Milwaukee Brewers were the best home team in baseball this season.

Now, they have to win on the road if they want to return to Miller Park. No easy task for this ballclub.

"I think it'll work out for us," said Prince Fielder, who can become a free agent after the season.

Albert Pujols drove in four of his five runs against Shaun Marcum, who had another shaky start, and Milwaukee's bullpen was roughed up in a 12-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 2 of the NL championship series Monday night.

"We'll be fine once we get out of this clubhouse," Marcum said.

The Brewers were a major league-best 57-24 at home in the regular season and had won all four of their playoff games at Miller Park this year, including a 9-6 victory in Game 1 against the Cardinals.

Now, the best-of-seven series shifts to St. Louis for three games and Milwaukee will have to win at least once at Busch Stadium. The Brewers were 39-42 on the road during the season and lost both games in the first round at Arizona.

"It's a different series. Different ballpark. Different team. Our rotation is different," Brewers rookie manager Ron Roenicke said. "Everything is different."

Yovani Gallardo faces Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter in Game 3 on Wednesday.

Fielder wasn't sure if losing home-field advantage would matter.

"The series isn't over yet," he said. "We'll see when the series is over whether it was impactful or not."

The Brewers allowed 17 hits, and Marcum's poor performance puts his role in doubt for the rest of the postseason. He is slated to be the Game 6 starter, if necessary, but he has allowed 30 runs over his last 33 innings.

"As far as I'm concerned right now he's pitching again," Roenicke said.

Marcum and Roenicke insisted Sunday that the right-hander hadn't been hit hard recently, but was instead a victim of bad luck.

Not on Monday. He was tagged from the start.

Pujols homered to left with one out after Jon Jay had a bunt single that Marcum failed to field cleanly. Pujols stood at the plate and admired his drive to left field for a moment before flipping his bat away.

"Albert doesn't miss too many pitches on the plate," Roenicke said. "They did a good job of really squaring up the mistakes that we made."

Marcum put his hands on his hips in disgust but didn't behave in the manner he did during a loss to Arizona in Game 3 of the division series, when he tossed his glove in the air after Paul Goldschmidt's grand slam.

In the third, Cardinals starter Edwin Jackson hit a blooper that center fielder Nyjer Morgan couldn't come up with on a dive. Jay singled with one out and Pujols brought them both in with a double, clapping and pointing to the sky.

Nick Punto added an RBI single in the fourth and Marcum left after the inning.

"It's seven hits and three of them were hit hard," Marcum said. "Been going on for the last six weeks."

Milwaukee also must find answers after its bullpen faltered. Brewers relievers had a 1.14 ERA in 71 innings in September and a 1.77 ERA in six postseason games before Monday.

Marco Estrada, Kameron Loe and Chris Narveson all gave up runs to the Cardinals.

Narveson was Milwaukee's fifth starter this year and Estrada was a spot starter when Zack Greinke was injured, leaving Roenicke with a couple of options if he wants to pull Marcum from a potential Game 6.

Estrada allowed two runs in the fifth, when Pujols hit an RBI double and scored on a wild pitch. Loe was even worse, allowing six hits and four runs while recording only one out in the seventh.

Matt Holliday, Yadier Molina, David Freese and Punto all had RBI singles to make it 11-2, and Freese homered off Narveson in the ninth to give St. Louis a 12-3 lead.

Zapanta hauls awards in Thursday Night League

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Raymond Zapanta ran away with the most awards in the 32nd season of the Philippine Bowling Association-Capital Bowling Center Thursday Night League.

The Century Insurance bowler prevailed in the high series scratch, high series with handicap, and high series average and won the Most Improved Player plum. Zapanta recorded 674 pinfalls in the high series scratch to beat Dial Recharge's Raymond Angeles, who tallied only 664 pinfalls.

In the high series handicap, Zapanta posted 713 for a four-pinfall lead over Angeles (709) and then in the high average category the former logged 196.94, beating the 186 of teammate Simon Manacop. Zapanta, who had a 3 handicap, totaled 10,044 pinfalls in 51 games.

In the high game scratch, Angeles redeemed himself against Raymond Angeles and two others. Angeles had 276 pinfalls to edge Raymond and Raphael Zapanta and teammate Raul Dumapit, who were tied for second with similar scores of 256 pinfalls.

Zapanta

Angeles notched his second individual award when he ruled the high game with handicap, posting 300 pinfalls against Dumapit's 283.

In the women's division, Elena Soll of The Company VI and San Jose Court's Gloria Omechelang took two awards each, while Toshiba's Malou Cabigao gained one.

Soll topped the high game scratch, tallying 222 against the 209 of Omechelang and then carded 265 pinfalls in the high game handicap to prevail over the 253 of Cabigao and Angie Ito of JT's Team.

Omechelang owned the best high series scratch score of 573 and she outclassed the 556 of Ocho's Gina Sablan. In the high series handicap, Cabigao registered 667, four more pinfalls ahead of Omechelang's 663.

Omechelang went on to take her third plum of the night in a brief awards ceremony at CBC last Thursday when she reigned supreme in the high average race with her 157.47.

Completing the list of awardees was Ito, who was named Most Improved Player in the women's division.

JHEM'S

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the rally.

Bannered by some of the island's youth players, Koblerville took control of the match early, leading by five after the opening period, 17-12. The Edsel Mendoza-coached squad canned three triples in the first frame to move on top. JHEM's Garapan also hit shots from downtown, but made only two and was held to five field goals.

Koblerville added two more treys in the second canto and Melvin Cadiang drilled 12 straight markers in the opening minutes of that period, lifting his team to a double-digit margin at the break, 36-23.

JHEM's Garapan faced a 13-point halftime deficit, as again it connected only on five field goals in the second canto and scored only 11 points, its lowest output in a quarter.

Then at the start of the second half, JHEM's Garapan's shots began falling and for the first time it outscored Koblerville, 17-9, to move within five, with a full quarter to go. Six players teamed up for JHEM's Garapan in the third quarter to bring the squad back in the match.

Koblerville's gunners went cold in the third with only Luther Taylor making more than one field goal for the team. Cadiang, who finished with 18 points in the first half, was scoreless in the third.

Still ahead at the beginning of the fourth quarter Koblerville tried to regain its lost momentum, but the veteran players of JHEM's Garapan and Duenas showed more poise in the end to start their bid in the MDX league on a winning note.

Besides Koblerville and JHEM's Garapan, 13 other villages are entered in the league. The list includes Armatech Susupe, Fong's Bakery Chalan Kanoa. Chow Queen As Lito, San Vicente Saints, Blue Haus Gualo Rai, Hawaiian Mawati Rock Dandan, Kagman Destroyers 2011, San Antonio Bud Brothers, AON Insurance Chalan Laulau , Pacific Postal Chalan Kiya, As Perdido B'Boys, San Roque Morales, and San Jose Price Costco.

Games in the MDX caging will resume this weekend with one match set for Saturday and four for Sunday.

JHEM's Garapan 68 – Mat. Duenas 19, Ngeskebei 13, Alipio 8, Surima 4, Montano 4, Man. Duenas 3, Bello 2, Alejandro 2, Catalla 2, Camacho 2.

G.E.C. Koblerville 63 – Cadiang 22, De Leon 13, Taylor 10, Del Rosario 8, Jung 4.

Scoring by quarters: 12-17, 23-36, 40-45, 68-63.

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The Sonics leaned on its deep bench throughout the match, while Brandon Aulerio kept the Blazers hot on the trail with 12 markers in the first half. Eight Sonics players chipped in during the second quarter.

Sonics' Melvin Cadiang connected with a couple of 3-pointers at the start of the third quarter as his team managed a 42-38 spread heading into the fourth period. Aulerio added eight more points to keep the Blazers in the chase.

The Sonics keyed on Aulerio at crunch time, but he still managed five free throws for seven points to go with six in support from Patrick Torres as the Blazers tied the game to force overtime.

J.P. Villanueva provided five big points late in the quarter for the Sonics.

The Sonics then held Aulerio to just four points in overtime and Jimmy Tudela canned a pair of clutch free throws to secure the win.

Cadiang led the Sonics with 17 points, while Aulerio finished with 29 in a heart-breaking loss for the Blazers.

In the second game, Fast 12 spread the ball well as five different players had a hand on the action for a slim 14-12 lead in the opening eight minutes.

Rollers rallied back in the second quarter to claim the lead, 31-22, at halftime. Rollers' defense held Fast 12 to just eight points in the period as seven Rollers players provided points on the other end.

Fast 12 trimmed its deficit to two possession, 34-40, in the third quarter. Rainier DLGuerrero delivered six points for Fast 12 in the canto

Fast 12 kept its defensive strategy and contained its rivals to just eight points in the clutch as they knotted up the score at 48-all at the end of regulation.

Fast 12's Rodney Sacramento was flying all over the court disrupting Rollers' ball handlers.

Fast 12 carried the momentum with them into overtime as Jomar Danas came out with six big points to go with a pair of timely 3-pointers by his teammates.

The Rollers duo of John Darag and John Cenir outscored Danas and Sacramento, 27-26, but the latter were picked up by bench support.

First Game

Sonics 67 – Cadiang 17, Je. Villanueva 12, Caro 9, Tudela 7, De Guzman 6, Alegre 6, Salem 5, Sula 2, J. Villanueva 2, Palacios 1.

CK Blazers 65 – Aulerio 29, Torres 14, Eughbanks 7, Sablan 7, DLGuerrero 4, Basa 2, Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-12, 27-26, 42-38, 55-55, 67-65 (OT).

Second Game

RBC Fast 12 60 – Danas 14, Sacramento 12, Metran 10, Vertudez 9, DLGuerrero 8, Ano 4, Rabauliman 3.

DYS Rollers 56 – Darag 14, Dela Rosa 13, Cenir 10, Francisco 6, Norita 6, DLGuerrero 4, Kwon 4.

Scoring by quarters: 14-12, 22-31, 40-34, 48-48, 60-56 (OT).

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Titanium's Jonathan Cabrera came to the mound in relief for Steven Cabrera to close the game. This particular matchup was called off after five innings due to player unavailability and time constraints.

Fielders 1 10, Ol'Aces 4

The home team Fielders jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning off three hits.

The first two batters reached on a walk and a base hit that set up an RBI double by Carl Camacho that scored K.J. Villagomez. Camacho and teammate Jack Villagomez would later score off wild pitches and eighth batter R.J. Villagomez ripped an RBI smash that scored Jonathan Rangamar as the Fielders batted through its lineup.

Ol'Aces got a run back off two hits in the top of the second inning as Lancaster Secharmidal drove in Rocco Reyes with a single.

Ol'Aces stuffed the Fielders 1-2-3 in the bottom frame, but left two runners stranded to start the third.

The Fielders then added two runs in the bottom frame to go up, 6-1. Arthur Jebehn and Camacho made it all the way around. Cody Kaipat belted an RBI double and Rangamar followed suit with an RBI poke.

Ol'Aces halved its deficit, 3-6, in the fourth inning but left the bases loaded. The runs came off two hits, three walks, and an untimely error, but the Fielders managed to escape with minimal damage.

The Fielders went three up and three down in the bottom frame and Ol'Aces scored its final run in the top of the fifth inning,

The first three Ol'Aces' batters bashed hits, but the Fielders' defense bit down again and put out yet another fire.

The Fielders got the run back in the bottom frame off wild pitches and went on to add three more runs in the seventh inning for good measure.

The Fall Youth Baseball League season continues on Saturday at Tan Ko Field with Titanium going up against Ol'Aces at 9am followed at 11:30am by Fielders 1 clashing with the Lions. Ol'Aces then will stick around and take on Fielders 2 at 2pm.

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from the right side of the penalty arc with the leather passing through two Paire defenders and going in.

Tenorio scored her third goal a few minutes before the first half ended to give Matansa a 3-0 halftime lead. Tahlia Hideo also made it to the scoreboard with her goal in the second half.

Shirley's FC 7, Tan Holdings FC 0

The other girls U15 game at the San Antonio pitch was also a lopsided match with Shirley's FC topping Tan Holdings, 7-0.

Melody Johnson was unstoppable for Shirley's FC as she drilled a hat-trick in the first half. Shirley's FC's four other goals were scored in the first half with Jeraldine Castillo, Alexandra Vergara, and Kyla Ito tallying one each. Shirley's FC was also credited with an own goal to improve to a 2-0-0 card.

Tan Holdings FC absorbed its second loss in as many matches.

BOYS U15 Paire 12, Shirley's FC 1 0

Paire broke into the win column after two games, following a 12-0 demolition of Shirley's FC 1 at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Hunter Jewell and Brian Lee logged four goals apiece for Paire, which also drew one goal each from Joel Fruit, Kwang Jae Kim, and Jeff Cheon.

Jewell found the back of the net early, scoring his first goal in the fourth minute. He and Lee alternately attacked the defense of Shirley's FC 1 and by the end of the first half Paire was comfortably ahead, 7-0, off the latter's four goals and Jewell's three. Three other Paire strikers joined the scoring spree in the second half to complete its domination of Shirley's FC.

Matansa 4, MP United 2 4

The second match at the Oleai pitch had MP United 2 drawing Matansa.

David Kim, Ryu Tanzawa, and Chris Park contributed goals for MP United 2, while Sean Perez and Jireh Yobech lit up the scoreboard for Matansa.

MP United 2 now has a 1-1-1 slate, the same record Matansa owns as these two teams are tied for third place behind the undefeated MP United 1 and Tan Holdings (2-0-0).

MP United 1 17, Shirley's FC 2 0

MP United retained its perfect record after crushing Shirley's FC 2, 17-0.

Jey Joyner paced MP United with four goals, while Ryota Ito collected three. Dakota Hall and Jake Lee contributed two each, while Andrew Johnson, Kennedy Izuka, and Kaisei Toda scored one apiece.

Shirley's FC 2, which is composed of female strikers, fell to a 0-0-2 record and has scored only two goals and has given up 26.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	164	120
New England	4	1	0	.800	165	119
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	121	125
Miami	0	4	0	.000	69	104
South						
Houston	3	2	0	.600	127	95
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	105	94
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	59	115
Indianapolis	0	5	0	.000	87	136
North						
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	119	57
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	110	94
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	102	89
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	74	93
West						
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	120	109
Oakland	3	2	0	.600	136	133
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	77	150
Denver	1	4	0	.200	105	140

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Washington	3	1	0	.750	83	63
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	127	123
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	99	101
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	125	132
South						
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	157	125
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	87	125
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	104	130
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	116	132
North						
Green Bay	5	0	0	1.000	173	111
Detroit	5	0	0	1.000	159	89
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	107	122
Minnesota	1	4	0	.200	11	106
West						
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	142	78
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	94	22
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	96	121
St. Louis	0	4	0	.000	46	113

Yesterday's Games
Minnesota 34, Arizona 10
Oakland 25, Houston 20
Kansas City 28, Indianapolis 24
Buffalo 31, Philadelphia 24
New Orleans 30, Carolina 27
Cincinnati 30, Jacksonville 20
Pittsburgh 38, Tennessee 17
Seattle 36, N.Y. Giants 25
San Francisco 48, Tampa Bay 3
San Diego 29, Denver 24
New England 30, N.Y. Jets 21
Green Bay 25, Atlanta 14

Yesterday's Game
Detroit 24, Chicago 13

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LOCAL SCORES

NMIFA YOUTH FALL LEAGUE STANDINGS (UNOFFICIAL)

Boys U15

	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
MP United 1	3	3	0	0	33	2	31	9
Tan Holdings	2	2	0	0	15	1	14	6
MP United 2	3	1	1	1	22	8	14	4
Matansa	3	1	1	1	14	17	-3	4
Paire	2	1	0	1	12	3	9	3
Shirley's FC 2	2	0	0	2	1	26	-25	0
Shirley's FC 1	3	0	0	3	1	41	-40	0
Girls U15								
Matansa	3	3	0	0	16	1	15	9
Shirley's FC	2	2	0	0	14	2	12	6
MP United	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
Tan Holdings	2	0	0	2	0	17	-17	0
Paire	3	0	0	3	3	15	-12	0
Boys U18								
Paire PC	2	2	0	0	10	4	6	6
MP United	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
Matansa	1	0	0	1	2	7	-5	0

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Sports

Sonics, Fast-12 survive OT thrillers in U19

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The Sonics and Rollers Basketball Club's Fast 12 advanced to the winner-take-all finals after upending separate opponents in overtime in the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 semifinals Monday night at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

The Sonics snuck past the Chalan Kanoa Blazers, 67-65, and set the stage for a second extra time thriller won by Fast 12 over sister team DYS Rollers, 60-56.

The championship tips off at 5:30pm on Friday at the TSL Sports Complex followed by the awards presentation. The consolation game between the Blazers and the Rollers is set for today at 4:45pm also in Gualo Rai.

The first game between the Sonics and Blazers was locked at 12-all in the first quarter, before the Sonics mustered a slim 27-26 edge at halftime.

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Fast 12's Rodney Sacramento goes right at the DYS Rollers double team in their U19 Rotary semis match Monday night at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.
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Matansa FC still perfect

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Defending champion Matansa FC stretched its winning streak to three after shutting out Paire FC, 4-0, in the second game in the girls U15 division of the 2011 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League last Saturday at the San Antonio Elementary School Field.

Matansa capitalized on Paire's defensive lapses early to notch three goals in the first half en route to its third victory in as many games. Paire dropped to a 1-0-1- win-draw-loss record.

Kimiko Tenorio nailed the first goal for Matansa from the left side of the penalty arc in the 17th minute with the ball deflecting off the hands of Paire goalie Scarlet Chen and rolling in to the left post of the goal. Then three minutes later, it was Patricia Chavez's turn to kick the ball

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Matansa FC striker kicks the ball while the Paire goalie dives for it during their game in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth fall league at the San Antonio Elementary School Field last Saturday.

JHEM's Garapan wins MDX debut

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JHEM's Garapan drew first blood in the 2011 MDX Amateur Radio Club Inter-Village Friendship League after slipping past G.E.C. Koblerville, 68-63, during the opening game in the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe last Sunday.

Behind by five after the third period, JHEM's Garapan stole the win in the fourth quarter, outgunning Koblerville, 28-18. Matt Duenas led Garapan's come-from-behind victory, firing 12 of his 19 points in the payoff canto, while J.R. Ngeskebei added six, including two crucial free throws in the homestretch to complete

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
MDX's Bong Malasarte does the ceremonial toss between JHEM's Garapan's Jun Alipino and G.E.C. Koblerville's Luther Taylor during the opening game in the MDX inter-village caging last Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

Fielders 1, Titanium post contrasting wins

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Titanium and Fielders 1 came out on top of their respective Saipan Major League Summer/Fall Youth Baseball League matchups last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Titanium edged out the Kagman Lions, 1-0, in the scheduled second game, while Fielders 1 walloped Ol'Aces, 10-4, in the final pairing. The morning match between the Lions and Fielders 2 was called off due to rain.

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Ol'Aces' Tom Sablan, left, flips the ball over to pitcher Harry Nakamura, right, in Saturday's SML Summer/Fall Youth Baseball League matchup against Fielders 1 held at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Titanium 1, Lions 0

Both teams went 1-2-3 in the opening frame and the home team Titanium hit the board in the bottom of the second inning when Kevin Villagomez drew a walk and worked his way around the bases before scoring off a wild pitch. the Lions left a man at first in the top of the inning.

The Lions made it to second base in the third inning, but Titanium's infield hung tough and got out of the jam.

The Lions' defense then answered in the bottom frame. After a strikeout to start the inning, the Lions pulled off a 4-3 double play to end the inning.

Lions' Arthur Jebehn led off the fourth with a walk, stole second base, and went to third off a wild pitch, but was called out at the plate trying to steal home to tie the game.

Teammate Mack Jones also made it to third base in similar fashion as Titanium managed runners on the corners, but Titanium's pitcher Steven Cabrera battled back with a pair of clutch strikeouts.

Titanium drew another blank in the bottom frame as a leadoff walk was followed by three pop flies.

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